

**University of Missouri – St Louis
Graduate Program Profile
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

Degree Program

A minimum of 41 credit hours, including 12 for the practice project (dissertation). Up to 30 approved MSN hours are eligible for transfer. The program can be completed in three years of part time study.

Coursework: Courses are designed to support nursing science, clinical research, leadership and a specialty area.

Comprehensive Examination: is not required.

Dissertation: A data-based project analyzing a clinical practice issue or problem that evaluates care and proposes practice improvements is required. The written project must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

Program Website

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/nursing/academic/doctorate/index.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application
<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>
2. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to the applicant's likely success in the DNP program
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
Applicants must have an MSN degree with national nursing accreditation in an area of advanced practice at the time they begin the program.
4. Evidence of advanced practice certification from one of the recognized national certification organizations and evidence of advanced practice status with the Board of Nursing
5. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Examination including writing test (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>) submitted by ETS
 - b. US permanent resident or citizen
6. Grade point average
Minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
7. An identified preceptor who will mentor the student during clinical practica (must be approved by faculty based on criteria available from the College of Nursing).
8. Graduate level general statistics course
9. Original essay describing your professional goals following program completion.
10. Current APN status in Missouri or eligible to apply for Missouri APN status
11. Interview by invitation.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is April 1 of each year for fall admission. Admission may be considered at a later date depending upon space.

Application Fee

\$35

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