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The Graduate School

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Degree Program
A minimum of 30 credit hours, including 9 for the clinical scholarship project (dissertation). Up to 30 approved MSN hours are eligible for transfer. The program is designed as a part-time (6 credits per semester) post MSN program for individuals who are currently certified or eligible for certification in an area of advanced nursing practice.

Coursework: includes courses in leadership, health services, epidemiology, informatics and program evaluation.

Comprehensive Examination: 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/Doctoral%20Programs/dnp.html

Application Requirements
1. Application: http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.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 or eligibility for advanced practice status with the Board of Nursing.

5. U.S. permanent resident or citizen

6. Grade point average: Minimum of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale and a 3.5 GPA in the Master’s degree.

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 summer admission. Applications are processed as they are submitted and acceptance will continue if space is available.

Application Fee: $50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants
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