

# Admissions

Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program is considered on a competitive basis for prospective students who are registered nurses and hold a Master's degree in nursing. Additional admission requirements, for each track, are outlined below.

Applications will be received through the Midwestern University website or the Nursing Centralized Application System (CAS). The University Admission's Team will review each application for completeness and refer complete applications to the D.N.P Admissions Committee for review.

## Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program, applicants must submit the following documented evidence:

1. Completion of a Master's degree in nursing, granted by a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.
2. Current and unencumbered licensure to practice as a registered nurse in at least one legal jurisdiction in the United States and its territory.
3. Submission of current resume or curriculum vitae (CV) to highlight current clinical, educational, or administrative practice related to nursing that can serve to facilitate successful completion of an advanced nursing degree.
4. Certification by the applicant that there are no pending or reasonably anticipated investigations of the applicant's registered nursing or advanced practice licensure\*.
5. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
6. Successful completion of a graduate level statistics course with a grade of a "C" or higher. "C-" will not be accepted.
7. Oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with faculty, patients, and colleagues.
8. Submission of a personal statement.
9. Successful completion of Midwestern University's Criminal Background Check.
10. Commitment to abide by the Midwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.
11. Successful completion of all physical examination and inoculation requirements prior to matriculation.
12. Certification of Basic Life Support (BLS) and AED Training for Health Care Providers prior to matriculation.

\*Admissions to the D.N.P./Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track also requires students to hold a current and unencumbered advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) certificate issued by their respective State Board of Nursing, and a current and unencumbered national board certification as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) issued by the American Academy of Nurse

Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

## Application Process and Deadlines

To be considered for admission into the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program, applicants must submit, to the Office of Admissions or through the Nursing Centralized Application System, the following:

1. A completed Application for Admission form.

2. Official transcripts verifying completion of a master's level degree in nursing from a regionally accredited program, and satisfactory completion of all prerequisite coursework with a grade of a "C" or higher. "C-" will not be accepted.
3. Official final transcripts from all colleges attended, post-high school.

Please be advised that applications are due no later than July 15th (early submissions are encouraged), either through the Midwestern University website: <https://online.midwestern.edu/public/initapp.cgi?prog=AGNP> or the NursingCAS system (<https://nursingcas.org>).

Questions related to the Midwestern University Admissions Portal can be directed to the office of admissions (888/247-9277 or 623/572-3215; [admissaz@midwestern.edu](mailto:admissaz@midwestern.edu)) and general admissions questions can be directed to the Program Director (Dr. Pagán; [mpagan@midwestern.edu](mailto:mpagan@midwestern.edu))

*Please note:* The receipt of the application materials and the status of the file can be tracked on the University's website. Upon receipt of the application, the Office of Admissions will send instructions for accessing account information. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Office of Admissions, at the above address, of any changes in mailing address and/or e-mail address.

All requests for withdrawal of an application must be submitted in writing, via e-mail, fax, or letter, to the Office of Admissions.

## Selection Process

The D.N.P. program at Midwestern University uses a rolling admissions process. Completed applications are reviewed and decisions to admit candidates are made at regular intervals during the admission cycle until the class is filled. The admissions committee reviews all completed applications to D.N.P. program and then formulates and submits a recommendation to the Dean for final approval. The Dean, via the Office of Admissions, notifies applicants in writing of admission decisions. Applicants are notified of their selection status no later than two weeks after their file has been completed.

## Reapplication Process

After receiving either a denial or end-of-cycle letter, prospective students may reapply for the following year's admissions cycle. Before reapplying, however, applicants are encouraged to seek input on strengthening their application from a counselor in the Office of Admissions after the admissions cycle is officially over. To initiate the reapplication process, prospective students must complete and submit new applications and proceed through the standard application procedures.

## Transfer Policy

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program may elect to accept transfer students. Transfer students must apply to the program and, if qualified, must participate in an admission interview. The Admissions Committee must approve all transfer students and will determine the number of graduate transfer credits granted (not to exceed 12 credits).

In order to receive credit for previous coursework completed at other institutions, students must submit a Transfer of Credit Request Application to be evaluated by the Admissions Committee by no later than September 1st. The transfer of credit has the following conditions:

1. Transferred course credit is limited to graduate level courses from recognized, regionally accredited degree granting institutions.
2. Credit is not transferred for a clinical practicum or an internship.
3. Credit may only be awarded for courses in which grades of B- or better were attained.

4. Credit can only be awarded for courses completed within the seven-year period prior to matriculation.
5. Transfer of Credit Request Applications must be submitted by September 1st.
6. Please contact the program for a list of eligible courses for transfer.