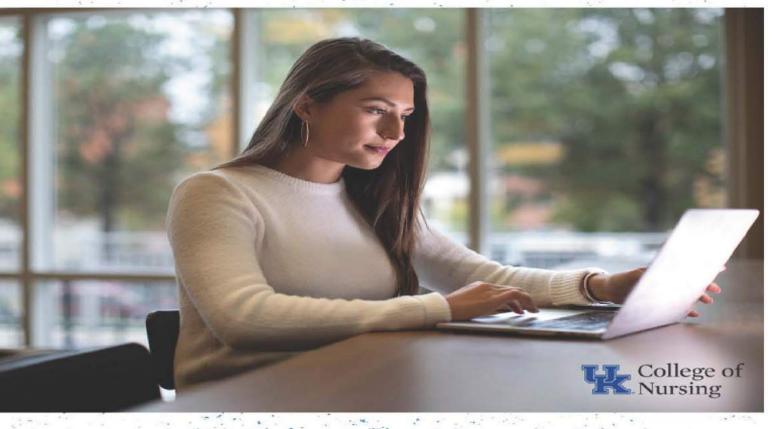
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Graduate Nursing Programs

Overview, Admission Requirements and Application Process



Introductions





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Graduate Nursing Programs





- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
 - BSN to DNP
 - MSN to DNP
- Post Graduate APRN Certificate



Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)- Healthcare Systems Leadership

- The College of Nursing offers a MSN with focus in Healthcare Systems Leadership. This option is ideal for individuals in mid-level management positions or those aspiring to move into management.
- Leadership is the only MSN focus. Nurse practitioner specialties remain in the DNP program.
- Students take a series of courses that prepare them to function as change agents in multi-dimensional roles in the organization and community.
- The curriculum emphasizes leadership effectiveness in micro and meso organizational/systems/settings, evidence-based management, quality/safety, information management expertise, and strategies to make organizational effectiveness strategies.

MSN Graduates will be prepared to:



- 1. Lead change to improve quality outcomes,
- 2. Advance a culture of excellence through lifelong learning,
- 3. Build and lead collaborative inter-professional care teams,
- 4. Navigate and integrate care services across the healthcare system,
- 5. Design innovative nursing practices, and
- 6. Translate evidence into practice (AACN, 2011, The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing)



MSN Program Format



- MSN courses are offered on-line with some scheduled synchronous on-line activities.
- Students are required to attend a one time on campus orientation at the start of the program.
- Students are assigned preceptors to complete practicum hours.



MSN Admission Requirements



- Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or NLN accredited program
- Three references attesting to the applicant's expertise in nursing or health care. Faculty prefer professional references from a former nursing faculty member or advisor if available, one or two from a manager/director/leader from their work setting, and no more than one from a peer.
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Current vita/resume
- Personal interview(s)



MSN Admission Requirements



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- Goal statement: In one to three double-spaced pages, discuss your reasons for seeking graduate study, including your short- and long-term professional goals. Discuss a system or population you are interested in working with and identify/discuss a system or health problem in that population that you wish to study as a project.
- Scholarly written work: An example of scholarly written work, completed within three years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in your BSN program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on a nursing issue of interest to you

MSN Application



- ALL applicants are required to complete the <u>Graduate</u> <u>School online application</u>.
- The University of Kentucky Graduate School utilizes Hobson's ApplyYourself. All application requirements submitted via an online system. This includes an electronic process for letters of recommendation and uploading copies of unofficial transcripts.
- The system allows candidates to monitor their application status and view receipt of supplemental materials.
- A non-refundable fee is required for each application to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. The application cannot be submitted without payment of this fee.



MSN Application Deadline



- Application deadline is February 15 for Fall admission.
- Applicant Interviews Qualified applicants will be contacted by the College of Nursing to schedule interviews with graduate faculty once all required application materials and fees have been submitted.
- Upon submission of all required application materials/credentials and completion of interviews with graduate faculty the MSN/DNP Committee will review the applicant file and make an official recommendation regarding admission to the MSN program in nursing to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis.



MSN Program Cost



- MSN students are assessed tuition at Graduate School HEALTH PROFSSIONAL online tuition rates. (Online graduate programs are billed at in-state rates for non-residents).
- 2020-2021 tuition rates:
 - Full time, in-state: \$6,749.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
 - Part time, in-state: \$729.00 per credit hour



Doctor of Philosophy of Science in Nursing (PhD)



Overview

- The goal of the PhD Program, which is ranked among the top eight programs in the US by the National Research Council, is to prepare students to conduct clinical research that generates new knowledge applicable to nursing practice.
- A foundation of research and scholarship gained at the bachelor and master's level is further enhanced at the doctoral level. Our students are prepared to assume roles in a variety of settings, from private industry to community colleges to top research-intensive nursing schools affiliated with major academic health centers.

Doctor of Philosophy of Science in Nursing (PhD)



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- Doctoral students have the opportunity to participate in faculty members' research programs, such as psychosocial and biobehavioral interventions for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, management of critically ill patients, promoting self-management of chronic illnesses, domestic and workplace violence, tobacco policy and smoking cessation, occupational health and safety, health disparities, and health risks in pregnant women.
- Appropriate match is key to PhD student success.



PhD Graduates will be able to:



- Establish a pattern of productive scholarship and participation in team science that results in the dissemination of scholarly work to lay and professional audiences
- Contribute to the development of science and the discipline of nursing through the ethical conduct of culturally competent, original clinical and translational research



PhD Graduates will be able to:



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- Demonstrate an understanding of the evolving roles and professional responsibilities of a nurse scholar through participation in professional and interprofessional teams and organizations and the provision of professional and research leadership and mentorship
- Use different science perspectives and an in-depth knowledge of a substantive area to develop and apply a conceptual knowledge base that enhances the link among theoretical advances, research and practice to improve health outcomes



PhD Program Format



- Nursing courses in the PhD program are offered in a traditional format, meeting once per week on Wednesday, on the UK campus.
- Cognate courses (electives related to research focus) offered in other disciplines may meet on other dates.
- PhD program can be completed in a minimum of 3 years of full time study or part time in 4 years. Additional time may be required for dissertation research.



PhD Degree Requirements



- Minimum of 48 credit hours of pre-qualifying course work
- Enrollment in at least five credit hours of course work per semester
- At least one term of research experience (10-20 hours per week)
- Prequalifying residency requirement: Students must complete the minimum 45 credit hours of course work within five years of entry into the doctoral program.
- Two consecutive full-time terms for the dissertation research residency
- Written and oral examinations to qualify as a candidate for the PhD degree
- Dissertation and final examination



PhD Admission Requirements



- Undergraduate grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- A bachelor's degree in nursing from an NLN- or CCNE-accredited program
- Licensure as a registered nurse in Kentucky or in the state where research will take place
- Graduate Records Exam (GRE) is optional but highly recommended; GRE scores are used for competitive funding opportunities, particularly those from the UK Graduate School
- Three references attesting to the potential of the student for a scholarly career; at least one should be from a doctorally prepared nurse



PhD Admission Requirements

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- Example of scholarly written work that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically; examples could include a publication or class paper
- Goal statement that addresses short- and long-term academic, research and career goals; a self-evaluation of motivation, initiative and the potential for independent learning with specific examples of each; and examples of leadership experiences where initiative and self-motivation were important to success
- Two faculty interviews arranged as part of the admission process
- Admission to the University of Kentucky Graduate School

PhD Application



- ALL applicants are required to complete the <u>Graduate</u> <u>School online application</u>.
- The University of Kentucky Graduate School utilizes Hobson's ApplyYourself. All application requirements submitted via an online system. This includes an electronic process for letters of recommendation and uploading copies of unofficial transcripts.
- The system allows candidates to monitor their application status and view receipt of supplemental materials.
- A non-refundable fee is required for each application to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. The application cannot be submitted without payment of this fee.

PhD Application Deadlines



- Preferred application deadline is February 15 for Fall admission or September 15 for Spring admission
 Applicant Interviews - Applicants will be contacted by the College of Nursing to schedule interviews with two graduate faculty members once all required application materials and fees have been submitted.
- Upon submission of all required application materials/credentials and completion of interviews with graduate faculty the PhD Curriculum/Admissions Committee will review the applicant file and make an official recommendation regarding admission to the PhD program in nursing at the University of Kentucky. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis.

PhD Cost



• PhD students are assessed tuition at Graduate school rates

• 2020-2021 Tuition Rates:

- Full time, in-state: \$6,769.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
- Part time, in-state: \$734.00 per credit hour



Doctor of Nursing Practice Program



DNP Overview

- "Practice-focused doctoral programs are designed to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice. They focus heavily on practice that is innovative and evidence-based, reflecting the application of credible research findings." (AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advance Nursing Practice, p. 3)
- The UK College of Nursing DNP Program, which was the first program of its kind in the U.S., focuses on development of advanced competencies for complex practice, and research utilization for the improvement of clinical care delivery, patient outcomes and system management. Graduates will be experts in designing, implementing, managing and evaluating health care delivery systems and will be prepared to lead at the highest clinical and executive ranks.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program



DNP Overview Continued....

• There are two entry points to the DNP Program. <u>Post-Master of</u> <u>Science in Nursing (MSN)</u> entry option for those with an awarded master's degree in nursing who are already prepared in the role of the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and a <u>Post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)</u> entry option is offered as well, which builds on the BSN degree and prepares individuals for the advanced practice role. Both options culminate with the DNP degree.



DNP Graduates will be able to:



- Integrate nursing science and theory with knowledge from ethics, the biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sciences as the basis for nursing practice (AACN Essential I: Scientific Underpinnings for Practice).
- Demonstrate advanced organizational and systems leadership that emphasizes practice and the ongoing improvement of health outcomes (AACN Essential II: Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Improvement and Systems Thinking).
- Generate, translate, apply and evaluate new science/evidence to guide improvements in practice and outcomes of care (AACN Essential III: Clinical Scholarship and Analytical Methods for Evidence-Based Practice).

DNP Graduates will be able to:



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- Demonstrate proficient use of information systems/ technology resources to implement quality improvement initiatives and support practice and administrative decision-making (AACN Essential IV: Information Systems/Technology and Patient Care Technology for the Improvement and Transformation of Health Care).
- Engage proactively in the analysis, development and implementation of health policy at the institutional, local, state, regional, federal, or international level (AACN Essential V: Health Care Policy for Advocacy in Health Care).

DNP Graduates will be able to:



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- Employ consultative and leadership skills with intra- and inter-professional teams to create change in health care and complex healthcare delivery systems (AACN Essential VI: Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes).
- Analyze, synthesize and evaluate scientific data and concepts related to clinical prevention and population health, and gaps in care of individuals, aggregates, or populations (AACN Essential VII: Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving the Nation's Health).
- Demonstrate foundational practice competencies that cut across specialties (AACN Essential VIII: Advanced Nursing Practice specialties).



DNP Program Format



- DNP nursing courses are offered online but do require attendance on the Lexington campus for immersion activities up to six days each semester (1-3 days at start of term and 1-3 days at end of term).
- Clinicals are offered in a preceptor format. Students are assigned a preceptor by faculty and then work with the preceptor to create schedule to complete required hours for the course/ term. These hours are in addition to the immersion class meetings.
- Clinicals are completed a variety of inpatient and ambulatory facilities.



DNP Options



- The Post-MSN Option requires a minimum of 38 credit hours and can be completed in three years of part time study
- Post-BSN Option requires a minimum of 67-77 credit hours and can be completed in three years of full-time study.
- Part-time plans are also available.



MSN–DNP Options



Clinical Leadership in Health Care

The MSN-DNP Clinical Leadership (CL) option will prepare APN's to function as expert practitioners, clinical leaders and effective change agents in varied positions. The CL program is practice based and prepares students for multidimensional responsibilities in nursing practice and health care delivery. The curriculum emphasizes leadership effectiveness in meso and macro organizational/systems/settings, evidence-based practice, quality/safety, information management expertise, and strategies to make health care policy impacts. Graduates will identify actual and emerging problems and will design aggregate-level health interventions. They will work with diverse stakeholders for inter- or intra-organizational achievement of health care organizational and population health related goals. Students will be prepared as effective leaders in complex organizations and community/public health settings and to respond to the challenges of health care today.

MSN–DNP Options



Executive Leadership in Health Care

The MSN-DNP Executive Leadership (EL) in Healthcare option is based on the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) Nurse Executive Competencies. The EL program is practice based and prepares nursing leaders for multidimensional responsibilities in nursing practice and health care delivery. The curriculum emphasizes strategic leadership, meso-macro organizational/systems practice, evidence-based management, financial, quality/safety, and information management expertise and strategies to make health care policy impacts. Graduates will identify actual and emerging problems and will design aggregate-level health interventions. They will work with diverse stakeholders for inter- or intra-organizational achievement of health care organizational and population health related goals. Students will be prepared as effective leaders in complex organizations and community/public health settings and to respond to the challenges of health care today.

DNP Specialty Options



Post MSN and Post BSN

- Adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners focus on assessment, diagnosis and management of acute health problems. Graduates are prepared to care for acutely and critically ill adults. As members of a multidisciplinary health care team, practitioners work in intensive care, progressive care, other hospital units, specialty clinics and specialty physicians' offices.
- Family nurse practitioners provide primary care to patients of all ages and will become experts at diagnosing and treating common health problems, promoting wellness and helping patients learn effective self-care. They work in a variety of settings, including clinics, physician offices, urgent care and community health settings.

DNP Specialty Options



Post MSN and Post BSN

- Pediatric nurse practitioners specialize in health care for infants, children and adolescents. They practice in a range of settings, including children's hospitals, physicians' offices, schools and other acute and primary health care settings.
 - Applicants must select a primary care or acute care pediatric population focus.
- Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners are experts at caring for clients with mental health needs and psychiatric disorders, which include schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, mood disorders such as bipolar disorder and depression, and substance abuse. They focus on the family across the lifespan, with skills encompassing the full spectrum of psychiatric care, from independent practice to consulting on psychiatric conditions in a variety of health care settings.

DNP Specialty Options



Post MSN and Post BSN

• Executive leadership in health care (non-direct care) graduates will identify actual and emerging problems and will design aggregate-level health interventions. They will work with diverse stakeholders for inter- or intra-organizational achievement of health care organizational and population health related goals. Students will be prepared as effective leaders in complex organizations and community/public health settings and to respond to the challenges of health care today.



DNP Admission Requirements



- Undergraduate or Graduate grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or NLN accredited program
- Three references (form will be provided) attesting to the applicant's expertise in nursing or health care. Faculty prefer professional references from a nursing faculty advisor if available or a nursing faculty member who knows the applicant, one from a doctorally prepared RN, and no more than one from a peer.
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Personal interview(s)
- Current vita/resume



DNP Admission Requirements



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- Clinical nursing experience prior to the first DNP clinical course
- Goal statement: In one to three double-spaced pages, discuss your reasons for seeking doctoral study, including your short- and long-term professional goals. Discuss a system or population you are interested in working with and identify/discuss a system or health problem in that population that you wish to study as capstone project.
- An example of scholarly written work, completed within two years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in your BSN program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on a nursing issue of interest to you

DNP Application



- The UK College of Nursing DNP program participates in <u>Nursing's</u> <u>Centralized Application Service</u> (NursingCAS), which provides you with an online application. NursingCAS collects and processes your application documents and verifies your transcripts. We receive your application information from NursingCAS and use it to make our admission decisions.
- You can view the status of your application at any time via NursingCAS.
- DNP applicants **DO NOT** apply to the UK Graduate School.



DNP Application Deadline



- The application cycle opens September 15 and closes January 15 for Fall (August) admissions. The DNP program admits only for the fall term.
- Qualified, complete applicants will be contacted after the published application deadline to schedule interviews with graduate nursing faculty.
- Following interviews applications will be reviewed and decision letters mailed to all applicants by March 15.
- Admission is competitive based on the number of qualified applications received and the space available.
- We do not admit students from all states.



DNP Cost



- DNP students are assessed tuition at the professional practice doctoral tuition rate. Residents and non-residents are billed at rates below.
- 2020-2021 rates:
 - Full time: \$8,295.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
 - Part time: \$923.00 per credit hour



Postgraduate APRN Certificate



- The primary objective of this option is to prepare advanced practice registered nurses for national certification eligibility and licensure in a new or additional specialty area of practice through a formal, organized curriculum that focuses on specialty courses in the student's area of interest.
- Individuals with a Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree are eligible to apply.



Certificate Program Format



- Certificate and DNP nursing courses are offered in a hybrid immersion format and require attendance on the Lexington campus up to six days each semester (up to three days at start of term and up to 3 days at end of term).
- Clinicals are offered in a preceptor format. Students are assigned a preceptor by faculty and then work with the preceptor to create schedule to complete required hours for the course/ term. These hours are in addition to the immersion class meetings.
- Clinicals are completed a variety of inpatient and ambulatory facilities.



Certificate Specialty Options



- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Executive Nursing Leadership



Certificate Admission Requirements



- Master of Science or doctoral degree in nursing (preferred)
- Completed application to the UK College of Nursing Certificate Option (form is located on the "Applying" page)
- Minimum score of 550 (or 213 on computer-based test or 79 on iBT) on Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all applicants whose native language is not English
- Unencumbered, unrestricted registered nurse licensure in the state where clinical work will take place



Certificate Admission Requirements



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- Two references, one of which must be from your current supervisor, the other from your master's or doctoral degree program advisor (preferred) or other nursing faculty member
- Interview(s) with graduate faculty member(s)
- Admission is competitive based on space availability and clinical



Certificate Application



- The UK College of Nursing DNP program participates in <u>Nursing's</u> <u>Centralized Application Service</u> (NursingCAS), which provides you with an online application. NursingCAS collects and processes your application documents and verifies your transcripts. We receive your application information from NursingCAS and use it to make our admission decisions.
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- 2020-2021 rates:
 - Full time: \$8,295.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
 - Part time: \$923.00 per credit hour



Out-of-State Students

The University of Kentucky works to provide distance learning courses and programs to students across the state of Kentucky, the country and abroad, but location matters when it comes to the availability of some courses and programs. Each state and territory have different requirements for distance learning. Out of state students who are interested in distance learning should read each section below and confirm that their **program of interest can be offered and/or lead to licensure or certification in their state or territory.**

- State Authorization is a type of consumer protection regulated by states and territories. Institutions are required to obtain state authorization when they offer online courses or programs outside of their home state. Visit the <u>State Authorization by Program</u> section to learn which programs are authorized in each state.
- States may have additional requirements for programs that lead to professional licensure or certification. Learn which programs can lead to <u>licensure and certification in each state</u>.
- Contact **Distance Learning** with questions or for more information.



UK Employee Education Program (EEP)

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- EEP program is a benefit provided by the University and administered by the HR Benefits Office. Open to all regular, full time UK employees.
 - Covers 6-8 credit hours per semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer)
 - Maximum of 18 hours per year (Fall, Spring & Summer combined)
- Employees are required to submit EEP form each semester to UK's HR office for tuition waiver. Employee pays course fees.
- Graduate level waivers in excess of \$5,250 per year are subject to tax as mandated by IRS section 127
 - For eligibility, visit the HR website <u>www.uky.edu/hr</u>
 - Please direct inquiries regarding the EEP program to <u>edubenefits@uky.edu</u>
 - Anita Dawson, UK EEP Program Coordinator

UK Employee Education Program (EEP/FEP)

- Please be reminded that only you or your child can use your EEP/FEP benefit at one time
- The benefit cannot be used by both the employee and the child during the same semester



OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:



- UK College of Nursing: Average awards of \$1000-2000 per year.
 - Application deadline March 30th for next academic year
 - Limited funds
- Kentucky Board of Nursing Nurse Incentive Scholarship (NISF)
- Specialty Organizations: AACN, ONS, STTI, ENA, NBNA
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)
 - Percentage of loan funds cans be forgiven for graduates once they take a position as nurse faculty upon degree completion. Up to 85% of funds forgiven after 4 years of employment as nursing faculty
 - Requires 3 college teaching courses to be completed during degree program
 - Repayment penalty is high for those who do not meet forgiveness criteria



Application Tips

- Spend adequate time determining the correct program/specialty for you. This should include a patient
 population you enjoy working with now and 10 years from now. Graduate School is a huge commitment of
 time, money and energy. You want to apply to the program that best meets your professional and personal
 goals. Do not rush this decision.
- Reach out to those in a role you aspire to and ask how they came to be in that position and their educational preparation/path.
- Seek out shadowing opportunities; talk to CON graduate faculty regarding specialty areas
- Apply well in advance of application deadline once you have selected program
- Update resume/CV first as applications will as you for schools attended and dates.
- Goal/Personal Statement: Follow prompts included with application and respond to all prompts. Do not rush this piece as this is the window for faculty to learn about you. Ask a colleague or friend who is a good writer to review and give feedback.
- Scholarly writing sample: update paper from your prior or current degree program
- Interview preparation: be prepared to articulate why you are applying to a particular program (degree/College/University/specialty). Learn the difference between the MSN and DNP degrees.



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MSN Program



Assistant Dean: Dr. Debra Moser

PhD Program



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Current program and application information can be found on the College of Nursing website: <u>http://www.uky.edu/nursing/</u>

