

Doctor of Nursing Practice Admission Criteria

The Clarion and Edinboro Universities' Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is a 27-credit program. Courses can be taken part-time over 5 semesters in an online format. Students will be admitted in cohorts and begin courses in May each year. The program is designed to be flexible, affordable and professionally rewarding. The online, part-time structure accommodates employment as an advanced practice nurse while pursuing the DNP, thus easing the financial burden.

DNP Admission Requirements

Students must hold a Master's degree from a nationally accredited program. Eligible Master's degrees include: MSN, MBA, and MHSc. Master's Degrees in other disciplines will be considered. Those applicants with a Master's Degree other than the MSN must also have a BSN. Eligible applicants may be educated in direct care roles such as nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, clinical specialist, and nurse midwife; or may practice in roles such as nurse administration (leadership), nursing informatics, or nurse education.

The student must also meet the following requirements:

1. Completed online application form
2. Non-refundable application fee (\$40 payable at the time of online application submission)
3. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
4. *Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or other bachelor's degree from an accredited program with a GPA of 3.25 or higher (*Applicants must have at least one degree in nursing, either a BSN, BSN equivalent, or a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Applicants with only a diploma degree in nursing or ASN cannot be accepted.*)
5. *MSN or other master's degree from an accredited program with a GPA of 3.25 or higher (*Applicants with a master's degree other than nursing may require additional coursework prior to enrollment, as determined by a review of official transcripts*)
6. A graduate course in research with a grade of "B" or higher or successful completion of graduate thesis (***Completion of a graduate level capstone project will be considered upon review of the project***)
7. Two professional recommendations; excluding peer reference
8. Resume/CV
9. Current unencumbered licenses as a Registered Nurse
10. Written documentation of completed clinical hours in a master's program (DNP degree requires a total of 1000 hours of clinical time between the master's and doctoral programs)
11. A type-written 1-2 page personal statement describing your learning goals and a telephone interview

****Current MSN-FNP students or students who are currently completing a Master's Degree in another discipline:***

- ***Admission can be granted to students who are in the process of earning their Master's Degrees. Admission is provisional and is contingent upon graduation from their Master's degree program during the first semester in the DNP program.***

Please submit all application materials in a large envelope to the administrative site:

Graduate Admissions

Clarion University

840 Wood Street

Clarion, PA 16214

Click the following link to apply:

<http://www.clarion.edu/admissions/graduate/how-to-apply>

This program is 27 credits post-masters to DNP completion.

Application Deadline: Accepting applications until all seats are full. Classes begin May annually.