

DNP Information Session

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UW School of Nursing

- > Located on the Seattle Campus**
- > State of the art simulation learning lab**
- > Work with nationally and globally acclaimed faculty**
- > Community partnerships with a number of local hospitals, clinics, and agencies across WA State**
- > Graduation rate in the high 90%**



Dates and Other Important Information

- > 2024 DNP **PRIORITY** application deadline: January 15, 2024, by 11:59 pm (PST)
 - Applications completed by **PRIORITY** deadline will be reviewed as priority
 - > All pieces of application must be submitted and complete by the **PRIORITY** deadline
- > 2024 DNP **FINAL** application deadline: May 1, 2024, by 11:59 pm (PST)
 - Incomplete applications and new applications will be reviewed in the **FINAL** pool (decisions made on space available)
- > No GRE required
- > Offer notifications usually go out by the end of March for **PRIORITY (January 15, 2024, by 11:59 pm PST)** deadline and no later than June 1st for the **FINAL (May 1, 2024, 11:59 pm PST)** deadline of the academic year you are applying to



Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Tracks

- > **Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP AC)**
- > **Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP PC)**
- > **Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**
- > **Nurse Midwifery (NM)**
- > **Women's Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (WHCNS)**
- > **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care (PNP AC)**
- > **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care (PNP PC)**
- > **Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (PCNS)**
- > **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)**
- > **Population Health and Systems Leadership (PHSL)**



Eligibility Checklist: Requirements and Prerequisites

- > **Meet the Essential Behaviors for DNP students**
- > **A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0, or a 3.0 GPA for the last 60 semester/90 quarter graded college/university credits**
- > **An in-process or earned bachelor's or master's degree in nursing from a national accrediting body, recognized by the US Department of Education (e.g., CCNE, NLN, ACEN). A nursing degree must be completed prior to beginning your program of study**
- > **Active unrestricted WA State RN license**
 - **Domestic by the start of the program**
 - **International by the time of application**



Eligibility Checklist: Requirements and Prerequisites continued

- > Proof of English language proficiency, if your native language is not English, regardless of citizenship. More information provided on [International applicant's page](#)
- > 3 quarter-credit (or equivalent) course in descriptive and inferential statistics with a minimum grade of 2.0 within in the last 5 years– this must be completed before program start, January 2019 to September 2024
 - Approved statistics courses: <https://nursing.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Approved-Statistics-Courses.pdf>
 - Portage Learning: <https://portagelearning.com/courses/mathematics/math110>



Which Track?

- > If you are not sure which track you would like to apply to please visit our website to learn more about each track**
- > You must select a track when applying**
- > Interested in multiple tracks? You will have to apply to each track separately**



How to apply

- > Applying to the UW DNP program is completely online
- > You will complete and upload all components of the application via the [UW Graduate School website](#).
- > All DNP applicants will be charged an application fee
- > It is HIGHLY recommended that you save a copy of each document for your own records. You will be unable to access application materials once you have submitted your online application
- > Incomplete priority applications will move to the final application pool. Incomplete final applications will not be reviewed.



How to apply continued

- > To create your application, go to https://apply.grad.uw.edu/portal/gr_app
 - Page 1: Profile Information
 - Page 2: Contact Information
 - Page 3: Ethnicity Information
 - Page 4: Academic History (transcript upload)
 - Page 5: Program Selection (Doctor of Nursing Practice)
 - Page 6: Program Requirements
 - Page 7: Application Questions (track selection)



How to apply continued

- > **Report ALL postsecondary colleges and universities attended regardless of whether you received a degree.**
 - List schools in chronological order, entering the most recent first and the earliest last.
- > **Transcripts**
 - Upload a complete transcript for each college/university you have attended regardless of whether you earned a degree
 - Current/former UW students must include a UW transcript
 - Unofficial transcripts are acceptable
 - It is your responsibility to upload a legible transcript for each school you
 - If you completed a degree at a school, it must show the degree with the award date
 - If you accept an offer of admission to the DNP program, the Graduate School will ask you to send an official transcript showing completion of a previous degree



General Application Tips

- > Communicate that you understand what the DNP is about vs PhD or MSN
- > What has informed your track choice
- > Communicate that you understand and are prepared to handle the academic rigor of graduate study
- > The essay, letters of recommendation, and resume should reinforce one another.



Letter of Recommendation

- > **Three letters of recommendation are required**
 - One academic recommendation, one clinical recommendation, and the third can be either academic, clinical, or a community recommendation
- > **Pro Tip: Meet with the individuals who are writing your letters of recommendation**
 - Talk about your goals, what program you are applying to, and what you want your letter or recommendation to reflect
 - Individuals will be sent an email to fill out the form, tell them that it may go to their junk/spam inbox



Letter of Recommendation continue

- 1. Academic: nursing class instructor or professor, clinical instructor, or preceptor**
 - If you have been out of school for a long time, consider choosing an academic recommender who is a professional in their work environment, understands the rigors of an academic nursing graduate program, and can recommend the applicant's potential to succeed in a graduate program
- 2. Clinical: current clinical supervisor at your work, clinical instructor, or clinical preceptor who supervised you during your hands-on healthcare experience**
 - practices in the role you seek (e.g., clinical nurse specialist, nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, population health nurse)
 - works with those in the role sought (RN, PA, MD/DO), and has knowledge regarding role performance requirements
- 3. Academic, clinical, or community recommendation**



Letter of Recommendation continue

- > Recommendations should be current, have had contact with you during the last five years, and be able to speak to your ability to complete doctoral-level education
- > At least one letter of recommendation should be written by someone who has supervised you during your hands-on healthcare experience. Their letter should specifically speak to your ability to function in your chosen role (e.g., NP, CNS, NM, etc.).
 - Ideally, this person would be an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (ARNP).
 - If they are not an ARNP, they could also be an RN with exposure to the advanced practice role, a Physician Assistant, or Medical Doctor.
- > Family members or friends are NOT eligible to write letters of recommendation.



ADMISSIONS ESSAYS: Overview

- > Compose and save your admissions essay responses as a Word document (cut and paste into the text box)**
- > Address each essay question separately in the text box provided**
- > Responses for each part should be no more than 500 words**
- > All essays should be solely your work without any outside help**
- > Format/style is your choice-be consistent**



ESSAY #1: TRACK SELECTION

- > Indicate which track you are applying to.
- > Explain why you are interested in this particular role for your future practice.
 - clinical nurse specialist
 - nurse-midwife
 - nurse practitioner
 - population health nurse



ESSAY #1: TRACK SELECTION

continued

- > Explain why you are interested in your chosen population for your future practice.**
 - Women**
 - Pediatric**
 - adults/older adults**
 - Families**
 - Communities**
- > Include a discussion of specific experiences that led you to make this decision.**
- > Make sure that you clearly articulate that you understand the role you are applying to.**



ESSAY #2: BACKGROUND AND CAREER GOALS

- > Describe significant experiences that have contributed to your interest in pursuing a clinical doctorate (the DNP degree) at the University of Washington (UW).
- > Clearly specify outcomes you wish to gain from graduate/doctoral study above and beyond preparation for a specific role discussed in Essay #1.
 - clinical nurse specialist, nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, population health nurse



ESSAY #3: HEALTH EQUITY

- > Dr. Grant, President of the American Nurses Association, states that inequities in the United States are "the most important moral challenge of the 21st century" ([ANA 2020 New Releases](#)).
- > The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 emphasizes the roles of nurses in advancing health equity in the United States ([The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity: Reports Highlights; Podcast Episode 2: Health Equity \(24:12\)](#)). Multiple forms of systemic oppression (e.g., structural racism, sexism, classism, or nativism) create inequitable access to and distribution of resources needed to attain optimal health among groups.



ESSAY #3: HEALTH EQUITY continued

- > **The COVID-19 pandemic highlights health inequities that have been occurring in the United States and worldwide.**
 - What do you view as your role and responsibilities as a health care provider and as a member of the nursing profession in addressing systemic inequity in the US or worldwide?
 - Please support your statements and perspectives with scholarly or credible resources/references, preferably within the last 5 years.
 - For this essay, you may wish to review the UW SoN Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) mission, vision, and principles of inclusion.
 - > <https://nursing.uw.edu/about/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/>



ESSAY #4

- > **Briefly describe a situation in which a team you were/are on did not work effectively to meet the healthcare outcome(s) of a patient/client, group, or population served.**
 - **Reflect on what you as a team member have done differently**
 - **Describe an alternative approach.**



OPTIONAL STATEMENT

- > **Background information about yourself that you want to share**
- > **Information that you feel is relevant that is not reflected in other parts of your application**
 - **Transcripts**
 - **Resume**
 - **Academic achievements**
 - **First generation**



Helpful Resources

- > Track Page
 - <https://nursing.uw.edu/programs/degree-programs-tracks/>
- > RSVP for other information sessions
 - <https://nursing.uw.edu/prospective/engage/dnp/>

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Thank you!

Questions???

Please email
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