

# NURSING PRACTICE: ADULT/GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST, DNP

## ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

| Requirements                       | Detail   |
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| Fall Deadline                      | December 1   |
| Spring Deadline                    | This program does not admit in the spring.   |
| Summer Deadline                    | This program does not admit in the summer.   |
| GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) | Not required.  |
| English Proficiency Test           | Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements ( <a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency</a> ). |
| Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)   | n/a  |
| Letters of Recommendation Required | 3  |

### **Admission requirements for the DNP program (post-baccalaureate) are:**

- Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing
- GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 credits for the baccalaureate degree
- RN license
- One year of professional nursing experience
- Grade of B or better in a approved statistics course within the last 5 years. (Note: The course does not need to be taken before applying, but must be successfully completed prior to the start of the fall term.)
- Application essay (see School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/dnp/>) for specific criteria)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- English proficiency scores: Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must

provide an English proficiency test score. Scores are accepted if they are within two years of the start of the admission term. See the Graduate School's Admission Requirements (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) for more information on the English proficiency requirement.

Post-BS applicants have a bachelor's degree in nursing. Applicants who have a non-APN master's degree (i.e., nurse education) are considered post-B.S. applicants and are able to waive up to 18 credits based on previous graduate coursework, pending review of syllabi.

### **Admission requirements for the DNP program (post-master's) are:**

- Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing
- Master's degree in a specialty track from an accredited nursing program
- GPA of 3.5 for the master's degree
- RN license
- Certification as an advanced practice nurse
- One year of professional nursing experience
- Grade of B or better in a graduate level statistics course within the last 5 years. (Note: The course does not need to be taken before applying, but must be successfully completed prior to the start of the fall term.)
- Application essay (see School of Nursing website (<http://www.son.wisc.edu/>) for specific criteria)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- English proficiency scores: Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score. Scores are accepted if they are within two years of the start of the admission term. See the Graduate School's Admission Requirements (<http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) for more information on the English proficiency requirement.

### *Additional admission requirements for international applicants are:*

- CGFNS Certification
- Minimum English proficiency scores in one of the following:
  - TOEFL (600 PBT, 100 iBT)
  - IELTS (8)
  - MELAB (85)

All application materials must be received by December 1 for admission in the fall semester.