

Graduate Certificate Post MSN or DNP APRN

Certificates

- Family Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner- Acute Care
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
- Women's Health Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care
- Adult-Geriatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care

Degree Program

- One-year (year-round) program for certified APRNs; two-year (year-round) program for non-APRN, post-MSN/DNP
- A minimum of 18 nursing graduate credit hours including 500-600 clinical hours (dependent upon certification board requirements)
 - Some clinical hours from a previous program may apply (up to 100 hours)
 - Some clinical hours from employment may apply (up to 200 hours)
- APRN students should have completed the following didactic courses or it's equivalency from their previous accredited MSN program to qualify for a one-year program:
 - Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice
 - Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice
 - Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice
 - Clinical Diagnostics for Advanced Nursing Practice
 - Advanced Practice Nursing Role
 - Minimum 500 clinical hours

Program Website

<http://umsl.edu/go/PostMSNGradCert>

Application Requirements

1. Graduate School Application: <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. College of Nursing Application: https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing_apps/login.cfm
3. Proof of RN licensure with or eligibility for Missouri licensure, and advanced practice recognition by the state board of nursing
4. Proof of board certification as an APRN in one of the six population of foci (e.g., adult-gero, family, neonatal, pediatric, psychiatric, women's health)
5. Submit transcripts:
 - a. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - b. International applicants are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission (Official transcripts must reflect successful completion [grade 'B' or higher] graduate coursework in advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology [5,000 level or higher])
6. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.5 on 4.0 scale in the MSN program
7. Two to three page, double-spaced, APA format original essay:
 - a. Introduction (One-paragraph)
 - i. include personal/professional background, but not personal identifiers such as name, place of employment, etc.
 - ii. population track of interest (e.g., leadership, AGNP, FNP, etc.)
 - iii. academic degree sought (e.g., BSN-DNP, MSN-DNP, post-graduate certificate, etc.) and why

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- b. Learning (One-paragraph)
 - i. describe how you think about and pursue learning in your profession
 - c. Diversity (One-paragraph)
 - i. discuss how understanding diversity impacts your nursing practice
 - d. Meaningful Activities (One-paragraph)
 - i. explain a professional practice issue of interest and activities you are involved in regarding the issue
 - e. Leadership (One-paragraph)
 - i. describe indirect or direct leadership experience(s)
 - f. Summary (One paragraph)
8. Two letters of recommendation for the program

Application Deadline

Applications due by April 1 of each calendar year for a fall admission of the same year. Applications may be processed after the deadline. However, applications that are not received by the deadline date may delay admission until the following year.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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