

MSN-DNP Program Admission Requirements

Northwestern State University of Louisiana is processing applications to its nursing program through NursingCAS, the centralized application service for nursing. Visit www.nursingcas.org to start an application or log into your existing account.

Visit the Add Program page to select our nursing program and complete the steps to fill out and submit your application. If you need help with NursingCAS, visit the [applicant help center](#) or [contact](#) applicant support with questions.

Materials may be submitted to the NursingCAS System between Jan 15th to May 15th (late applications accepted with approval) include the following:

- Completed NSU DNP Program Application via the [NursingCAS](#) portal
- Emotional Intelligence Assessment using approved questionnaire (<https://www.talentsmart.com/test/>)
- Three letters of recommendation using DNP recommendation forms. One recommendation must be from each (1) former faculty, (2) a person who can attest to applicant's clinical abilities, and (3) character reference
- Unencumbered, unrestricted RN *and/or* APRN license (if applicable)
- Verification of national certification as an APRN (if applicable)
- Curriculum vitae
- One to two page (maximum) paper describing the DNP degree, the role of the DNP (using the DNP Essentials), and how the applicant believes the DNP will benefit his/her career goals.
The paper should be formatted according to the latest edition of APA and include references.

You will be called to schedule a personal interview with DNP admissions committee once these items are received. Interviews will take place in the beginning of June every year.

** International students please note, you must have a minimum score of 500 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is a second language, and meet all other University admission requirements for international students. You should contact NSU's International Student office prior to applying for the DNP program to ensure university admission.