



Doctor of Nursing Practice Admission Criteria for DNP Program New cohort begins every Fall

Materials to Be Submitted to NSU Graduate School in Natchitoches:

- Completed application to Northwestern State University's Graduate School
- All academic transcripts, with cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.00 scale
- Emotional Intelligence Assessment using approved questionnaire (found on website)
- 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

Materials to be submitted to The College of Nursing in Shreveport to dnapp@nsula.edu prior to May 15 (late applications accepted with approval):

- Completed DNP Program Application (differs from Application to NSU's Graduate School; found on Nursing website)
- Unencumbered, unrestricted RN *or* APRN license (depending on concentration)
- Verification of national certification as an APRN (only for APRN concentration)
- 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 are expected to take place beginning June every year.

*A health form, which includes immunization records, will be requested during the program prior to you beginning clinical courses.

** 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.

