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POLICY TITLE: DNP STUDENT ADMISSION

Policy

The University of Houston general admission requirements for master's or doctorate graduate programs include application for admission, official transcripts from each college or university previously attended, officially reported standardized test scores, letters of recommendation, resume or curriculum vita, personal statement and demonstration of English proficiency if not a graduate of an English-speaking institution. Other admission requirements are program specific.

<http://publications.uh.edu/content.php?catoid=33&navoid=11934>

The number of DNP students admitted each year is determined by availability of appropriate qualified faculty and/or clinical resources.

Criteria for Admission

Applicants to the UHCON DNP program will be reviewed holistically on an individual basis. Criteria have been established by the faculty against which each applicant is evaluated for admission. The purpose is to predict individual potential to succeed at the DNP level.

1. Earned baccalaureate degree in nursing from a professionally accredited program.
2. Earned master's degree in an advanced nursing specialty from a professionally accredited nursing program.
3. Evidence of current, unencumbered, valid licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or recognized compact.
4. Certificate as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) (if applicable).
5. Certified, or eligible for certification, in American Organization of Nurse Leaders (AONL), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Nurse Executive (NE-BC), or ANCC Nurse Executive, Advanced (NEA-BC) (if applicable).
6. Minimum of one year's experience as a nurse practitioner, or one year's experience in a healthcare leadership position. May be waived with approval of program director.
7. Grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0-point scale in upper division nursing and/or graduate courses.
8. Completed GRE or MAT within the last 5 years. *
9. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) www.toefl.org
10. The TOEFL score required is 79 for the internet-based test. The minimum TOEFL score for the paper-based exam is 550. TOEFL scores must be received directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS). The University of Houston's ETS Institutional Code is 6870.
11. IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) www.ielts.org
12. The minimum IELTS score required is an overall score of a 6.5. The testing agency should mail the official results directly to the University of Houston. No electronic IELTS are accepted.
13. Written statement of area of practice interest, career goals, areas of research interest, and reasons for pursuing doctoral study (500-word limit).

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14. Resume or CV.
15. Two satisfactory letters of recommendation from both a university faculty with a doctoral degree and employers.
16. Scheduled interview with 2-3 graduate faculty if invited.
17. Satisfactory completion and review of security screening prior to enrollment.
18. All clinical readiness requirements including immunization requirements met prior to enrollment as outlined in the student policies.

* Select criteria will be waived for graduates of the UH/UHV MSN FNP and MSN Administration programs who earned a GPA of 3.3 or above.

Approved by CON Faculty: 09/11/2020

Approved by Dean Kathryn Tart: 09/14/2020