

### Admission requirements

In addition to Graduate Studies minimum requirements (backside); admission in full standing requires the following College of Nursing graduate program requirements:

#### MSN and BSN to DNP Programs:

1. BSN from an accredited program.
2. Current licensure as a registered nurse in state in which clinical rotations will be completed (BSN to DNP requires Wisconsin licensure.)
3. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. (GPA of 2.70-2.99: **MSN** may be considered for admission under probationary status. **BSN to DNP** requires the GRE-Graduate Record Examinations).
5. Three professional references.
6. Undergraduate 3 credit Statistics course with grade of B or higher completed within the past five years. Course must include both descriptive and inferential statistics.
7. Resume.
8. Background Information Disclosure Form at time of application with complete background check done upon admission.
9. Written response to question about current professional issue.
10. Personal interview.

#### Additional Requirement for BSN to DNP Program:

A 250 word essay describing what you have done to prepare yourself for graduate study, why you are applying to this particular program, and career goals post-DNP.

#### MSN to DNP Program:

1. MSN from an accredited program and RN licensure.
2. GPA 3.5 or higher.
3. National certification as an advanced practice nurse or in advanced administration.
4. Core competency MSN learning (see supplementary application for areas)
5. Requirement of 550 hours of advanced nursing clinical practice.
6. Completion of UWO supplementary application including portfolio.
7. Three professional references.
8. Background Information Disclosure Form at time of application with complete background check done upon admission.
9. A personal interview.

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### Programs

The Graduate Nursing Program consists of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs. The MSN program is built upon the base of baccalaureate nursing education and focuses on preparing advanced nurses for the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) and Nurse Educator (NE) practice roles. The NE emphasis provides advanced knowledge and skills for teaching in nursing education programs or in healthcare settings. The CNL emphasis prepares nurses to improve the quality of patient care and to engage in advanced nursing and improve patient and staff outcomes. The CNL Certificate Program allows students who already hold a master's degree in nursing to complete the necessary requirements for CNL certification. The NE Certificate Program allows students who already hold a master's degree in nursing to complete the educational requirements for certification as a Nurse Educator. The MSN program emphases and certificate programs are 100% online.

The DNP program is built upon a bachelor's or master's level nursing foundation and is designed to prepare graduates for the highest level of professional nursing practice. The BSN to DNP with Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specialization prepares graduates at the doctoral level for the FNP role with advanced practice knowledge and skills. The MSN to DNP program is designed for those who already possess a MSN with national certification as an advanced practice nurse or an advanced administrator and prepares graduates for the highest level of practice in the current complex health care environment.

#### Degree credit requirements

- Clinical Nurse Leader: 37 credits
- Nurse Educator: 37 credits
- CNL Certificate: 14 credits
- Healthcare Informatics Certificate: 14-19 credits
- NE Certificate: 11 Credits
- BSN to DNP: 74 credits
- MSN to DNP: 30 credits
- MSN to DNP with FNP Specialization: Variable credits
- RN to BSN to MSN: Variable credits

Practica are arranged with consideration for student learning objectives, geographic accessibility and facility availability. Students are responsible for identifying qualified preceptors. A grade of B or higher must be earned in all graduate courses. DNP students complete a Capstone project and Nurse Educator students complete a clinical paper, field project, or Systematic Review of Literature as their culminating project. Degree requirements must be completed within a five-year period.

#### Accreditation

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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**About the University  
of Wisconsin Oshkosh**

- Third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- Enrolls about 1,200 graduate students out of a total student body of about 13,500.
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

**Graduate program faculty and services**

- Graduate faculty hold earned doctorates, terminal degrees or professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Excellent student resources, research equipment and facilities produce an ideal environment for graduate programs.

**Financial assistance**

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through various colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and state of Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

**Non-degree students**

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without being admitted to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses is subject to availability and/or approval.

**Minimum admission requirements**

Admission in full standing to a master's degree program requires the applicant to meet minimum Graduate Studies requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) *or* at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work.
- Submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work.
- Submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, test scores, written personal statements and other portfolio items. Refer to [www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies](http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies), the program website, or contact the Graduate Studies office for more information.

**NOTE:** International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies for more information.