

8. If the Consortium DNP program offered a part-time plan of study would you be interested in enrolling part-time rather than full-time?

- Yes (one course per semester)
- No (two courses per semester)

9. References

Please list the names of two persons you will ask to provide professional references. References are to be provided by one person who is or has been your supervisor and one person who is a peer in an advanced nursing role (e.g., nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist or nursing educator).

1. _____ (Supervisor)
2. _____ (Nursing Peer)

Please give copies of the required reference form to persons identified as references. Persons providing references are asked to complete the reference form, seal it in an envelope, sign their name across the envelope seal and give/send the envelope with the reference to you. Please submit the sealed reference envelope with your application. Copies of the reference form can be accessed at the DNP web sites at each of the universities (see page 5 of the application).

10. Goal Statement

Please provide a double spaced typed statement of no more than 1000 words that addresses the following:

1. Your nursing practice goals, short and long term, and how the DNP program will help you reach these goals.
2. The clinical nursing phenomena* that you are most interested in studying

(Please include your name and the page number on each page of the statement)

*Phenomenon of interest in nursing practice can be defined in many ways. It may be a broad area of interest or specialty, such as nursing care of the cardiac patient or nursing care of children. It may mean one's research interest or program, such as sleep disorders in caregivers or culturally competent care of certain populations. It may be a specific nursing theory such as Roy's Adaptation Model or a concept such as fatigue or pain.

For the clinical focus of this DNP program, the phenomenon of interest is expected to reflect a practice problem within the scope of Registered Nurses or Advanced Practice Nurses in any type of setting. It should be a practice problem that is amenable to interventions or activities of the advanced practice nurse. It should be sufficiently small in scope to allow a thorough analysis, intervention(s), and evaluation of a problem solution within the time frame of this DNP program.

Examples of phenomenon of interest in DNP students:

1. Weight bias against obese patients by nursing staff
2. Electronic (Internet) mental health program for rural adolescents
3. Pain management in dementia patients or elderly depressed patients
4. Organizational culture change in a long term care setting

11. Resume

Please provide a resume that describes information included in the resume guidelines also included on each of the universities DNP web sites (see page 5 of the application).

12. Additional Information

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. THIS INFORMATION WILL ASSIST THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CONSORTIUM IN EVALUATING STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES; IT WILL NOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR ADMISSION.

Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Birthday:	____/____/____	
Race and ethnic background: <i>Please select any that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaska Native	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____	
US Citizen:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Veteran:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Graduation with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, from a CCNE or NLNAC accredited Master's program in nursing.
2. Registered nurse licensure in the state where you expect to conduct your clinical practicum.
3. Eligibility for licensure in Minnesota.
4. Certification: Nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, and nurse midwife applicants must have the respective national certification needed for practice.
5. Professional references from two persons who can comment competently on the applicant's background and suitability for doctoral study. One reference should be from a supervisor and one from a peer in an advanced nursing role (e.g., nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, clinical nurse specialist, or nursing educator). (See reference form on web page).
6. Goal Statement (See guidelines).
7. Resume (See guidelines on web page).
8. An interview with DNP faculty may be requested following review of the application.
9. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 if an international student applicant.

DEADLINES

The deadline for submission of application, transcripts, and other required material is **March 15th**. Applications for admission will be reviewed beginning April 1st. Applications for admission will remain open until positions are filled. Applications will close as soon as the maximum number of students has been recommended for admission. Students eligible for admission may be invited to an interview with DNP program faculty. If requested, interviews will begin as soon as possible after the review of applications.

STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Admission to the DNP program will be competitive. The strength of the applicant's background and documentation of her/his experience as presented in the application materials will be considered in the application review process. In addition to the application, qualified applicants may be asked to participate in an interview with program faculty.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant seeking admission is required to submit or show evidence of the following:

1. **Two** copies of the completed Program Application for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
2. **Two** official copies of transcript(s) from each institution attended for graduate study. NOTE: If the applicant has unofficial copies of graduate level transcripts, please include those in the application. They will help expedite application review until official transcripts are received
3. **Two** copies of evidence of current unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse from the state(s) where clinical will be conducted
4. **Two** copies of both professional references
5. **Two** copies of the Goal Statement
6. **Two** copies of the Resume
7. **Two** official copies of TOEFL score, if international student
8. A \$40 non-refundable application fee (payable to: Minnesota State University, Mankato)

SIGNATURE OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that applications are not regarded as "complete" until all supporting papers have been received; therefore, it is in my interest to see that these are submitted as promptly as possible. It is also my understanding that official transcripts sent directly from each school attended must be received as soon as possible and at the end of each successive semester for as long as my application is being considered. Official transcripts showing additional work after acceptance must also be supplied.

I have read the requirements for admission to the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program. I CERTIFY that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that willfully withholding information or making false statements in this application may be used as the basis for dismissal.

Signature of Applicant

Date

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND TRANSCRIPTS TO THE OFFICE LISTED BELOW:

**College of Graduate Studies and Research
Minnesota State University, Mankato
115 Alumni Foundation Center
Mankato, MN 56001**

For assistance with the processing of the application please contact:

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Minnesota State University, Mankato
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Information about the Doctor of Nursing Practice program and the application process is now available on-line at each of the Consortium universities. See university websites and DNP Consortium advisors listed below:

Additional information regarding the DNP program can be accessed through any of the following DNP Consortium advisors:

Metropolitan State University: Website: <http://www.metrostate.edu>, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, graduate programs

Contact Person – Suzanne Narayan (suzanne.narayan@metrostate.edu), Phone 651.793.1388

Minnesota State University, Mankato: Website: <http://ahn.mnsu.edu/nursing/graduate/dnp.html>

Contact Person – Sue Ellen Bell (sue.bell@mnsu.edu), Phone 507.389.6814

Minnesota State University Moorhead Website: <http://www.mnstate.edu/nursing/DNP.cfm>

Contact Person – Barbara Matthees (matthees@mnstate.edu), Phone 218.477.2695

Winona State University: Website: <http://www.winona.edu/DNP/index.asp>

Contact Person – Julie Ponto (jponto@winona.edu), Phone 507.285.7135