

## ADMISSION CRITERIA BSN-DNP-NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

**Subject:** BSN-DNP Admission

**Effective Date:** 4/2018

**Scope:** All Faculty, Staff, and Students of the Graduate Department

**Date Reviewed/Revised:** 12/2023

**Next Scheduled Review Date:** 12/2025

**Responsible Office:**  
Department of Graduate Studies

**Responsible Executive:** Dean, Cizik School of Nursing

### I. POLICY AND GENERAL STATEMENT

Minimum admission requirements for the BSN to DNP-nurse practitioner program are established by the DNP Council of the Cizik School of Nursing. Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis according to admissions criteria.

### II. DEFINITIONS

N/A

### III. PROCEDURE

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1. A completed online application through the Nursing Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS) for admission and \$60.00 non-refundable application fee paid to UTHealth Houston's registrar's office due at the time of application submission.
2. Official transcript from each institution attended submitted through NursingCAS. Transcript(s) should show:
  - A Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from an accredited program. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  - A completed basic statistics course with a 2.0 or greater final grade
3. One (1) academic/professional reference.

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4. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees/courses outside the US.
5. A 300-word statement that discusses the area of practice interest, career goals, and reasons for desiring doctoral study.
6. A professional curriculum vitae or resume.
7. Documentation (via resume or vitae) of minimum work experience for the chosen track:
  - Adult Gerontology-Primary Care Nurse Practitioner: One year of clinical experience as a registered nurse
  - Family Nurse Practitioner: One year of clinical experience as a registered nurse
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: One year of psychiatric experience as a registered nurse
  - Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: One year of critical care experience as a registered nurse.
8. An active unrestricted registered nurse (RN) licensure to practice in Texas.

## IV. CONTACTS

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