

Post-MSN Admission Criteria

1. A Master of Science in Nursing degree (MSN, MS, or MN) from a nationally accredited school of nursing (National League of Nursing or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education).
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) from all academic institutions attended.
3. An unrestricted Registered Nursing License in Virginia or state of practice.
4. A minimum of one year of full-time (2,000 hours) clinical practice as a RN.
5. An unrestricted Advanced Practice License/registry in Virginia or state of practice.
6. National certification as either a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife, or Clinical Nurse Specialist. When national certification is not available in area of Clinical Nurse Specialist the individual must submit a portfolio demonstrating course work and clinical hours in area of specialty.
7. National certification as an APRN -NP, CNS, or NM. Competitive Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required for those lacking certification.
8. Completion of courses in statistics, health assessment, and nursing research.
9. Completion of the Radford University graduate application process and application fee.
10. Curriculum vitae or resume.
11. Professionally written letter describing career goals and how a graduate credential will assist in meeting those goals. A sample of previous academic writing or publication needs to be included.
12. Three recommendation forms and three letters of reference from practicing nursing professionals or nurse educators specifically addressing the applicant's potential for success in the DNP program.
13. Personal interview with School of Nursing Graduate Coordinator.
14. Completion of a criminal background check and health record requirements. Applicants are denied admission for findings that prevent participation in clinical agencies or licensure.
15. Foreign applicants whose native language is not English must achieve an acceptable score on the TOEFL examination and submit an approved credential report for coursework completed outside of the United States.