

# Doctor of Nursing Practice

Please use this checklist to ensure you have completed the required elements for application to the Graduate Program in Nursing.

- Earned a Master of Science in Nursing from a CCNE- or NLNAC-accredited program with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher
- Provide documentation of post-baccalaureate supervised practice hours from an accredited MSN program. If there are fewer than 400 supervised practice hours, the DNP program will be tailored to achieve the required 1,000 hours of post-baccalaureate supervised practice.
- Evidence of an unencumbered RN license in the state of practice. (State of practice must be part of the SARA compact.)
- Completed reference form from three (3) individuals who are able to address the applicant's ability to succeed in a DNP program. Individuals completing the reference form should be from among the following:
  - nurse faculty member who has knowledge of the applicant's academic ability;
  - a professional work-related colleague or supervisor;
  - if practicing as an APRN, at least one should be from an APRN;
  - if practicing as a nurse leader/executive, one should be from a supervisor who can address the applicant's leadership abilities.
- Personal essay of 500 words or less that explains the applicant's career goals related to pursuing the clinical doctorate. The essay addresses the applicant's current thoughts on their preferred focus for the evidenced-based scholarly project.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
  - Evidence of currency in nursing practice
- Interview with program co-directors via video conference

## Residency Requirements

- A required residency is held within a few weeks of the beginning of the program.