SCHOOL OF NURSING
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must apply to the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing through NursingCAS: Applicants must also apply to the Indiana State University’s College of Graduate & Professional Studies once the NursingCAS application is complete.

1. Earned master’s degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program of nursing.
2. Minimum of two (2) years nursing experience
3. GPA 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale in graduate studies
4. Current, unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the state of practice
5. National Certification for all nurse practitioner applicants
6. Successfully completed graduate statistics and nursing research courses at an accredited institution with a B or better.
7. Résumé or CV
8. Three professional/academic recommendations (preferred at least one academic)
9. DNP Essay/Goal Statement (APA format)
10. Telephone, video, or an in-person interview may be required as part of the admission process
11. English as second language students must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79-80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT). The Department of Advanced Practice Nursing does not accept alternate English proficiency tests.
12. Meet all health clearances and criminal background checks, as required by ISU and your state of clinical practice
13. Sample of Scholarly Writing (individual or 1st author-APA format)

*Admission offers may be rescinded based on the criminal background results.

*Applications to the nursing programs are considered on a competitive basis. Criteria include intellectual capacity, performance, maturity, clarity of goals, and other qualities appropriate for graduate study. An individual or group interview may be requested or required. Additional materials may be requested for examination prior to admission. Application Evaluation

Please see “How to Apply” for more details.

*Indiana State University distance education programs may not be available in all states. Click here to see additional details.