

BSN-to-DNP Degree Admission Requirements

All prospective DNP students must be admitted to Northwestern Oklahoma State University, must meet University standards for admission, and must follow procedures set by the Registrar's office.

Students applying who earned a BSN from NWOSU may submit an unofficial NWOSU transcript along with official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended before and after attending NWOSU.

Applications are accepted each spring for entry into the fall semester classes. Admission to the BSN-to-DNP program is competitive. Only completed applications will be reviewed. Admission is contingent upon meeting all of the program admission requirements. The program admits a limited number of students dependent upon the number of qualified applicants, faculty-to-student ratio limits, and availability of clinical practicum sites.

1. Baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from an ACEN (NLNAC), CCNE, or CNEA accredited program
2. Grades and/or Grade Point Average info:
 - a. The applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 out of a possible 4.00 for college/university work.
 - b. An overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is necessary for the last 60 hours for the courses required for the undergraduate nursing degree (BSN).
 - c. Application may be made for conditional admission by students having an overall undergraduate GPA of at least a 2.50. Those who are admitted conditionally will not be eligible for financial aid until they are granted full admission.
 - d. Completion of an undergraduate or graduate course in descriptive and inferential statistics with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Must hold current license to practice as a Registered Nurse in their state of residence. If residing outside of Oklahoma, must also have a current Oklahoma or multistate license
4. Have submitted three (3) letters of recommendation attesting to academic ability, professional competency, and personal character
5. Submit the program application with a personal essay and curriculum vitae
6. Direct or indirect patient care experience within the last 3 years as a registered nurse or family nurse practitioner, which can be either volunteer work or employment.
7. Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English

language proficiency. Evidence may include (a) completing a four-year bachelor's degree in Nursing from a U.S institution, (b) meeting the English language requirements of an official TOEFL score (520 for paper-based test, 190 for computer-based test, or 68 for internet-based test), or IELTS score (6/5 or higher) is required for all students for whom English is a second language. The TOEFL must have been taken within the past 2 years.