ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*
Admission criteria to the Graduate Programs in Nursing include:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLN or CCNE accredited program;
2. Undergraduate coursework in physical assessment;
3. Undergraduate courses in nursing research and statistics strongly recommended;
4. Computer literacy with knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet, and data base programs;
5. Transcripts of past education with GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale (1 official copy of transcript from each institution attended);
6. Students with GPA less than 3.0 will be considered for provisional admission on individual basis;
7. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) within the last five years for foreign students;
8. Minimum of one year clinical nursing experience (recommended);
9. Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) applicants need to meet additional requirements:
   a. One year critical care experience (e.g., ICU, ER, ICU/CUU, unit providing high acuity care with fast-paced decision making and complex procedures)
   b. ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support)
   c. ECG interpretation course required prior to beginning clinicals.
10. Evidence of current unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse. Minnesota licensure required for all clinical courses. Other state license also required for clinical experiences in those states;
11. Three professional and/or academic references from persons who can comment competently on the applicant’s background and suitability for doctoral study; At least one professional reference should be a person who occupies the student’s chosen role focus (e.g. nurse practitioner, clinical nurses specialist, nurse administrator/leader, nurse educator) (Graduate Certificate candidates submit two references);
12. Statement of professional goals;
13. Background check (clinical requirement after admissions) (fee assessed);
14. Students requesting admission to the Graduate Programs in Nursing may be required to have a personal interview with program faculty.
15. Satisfactory scores on the TOEFL-test for international or non-English speaking students.
16. Differential tuition costs apply to Graduate Nursing Program.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

Graduate Programs in Nursing - or Office of Graduate Studies
Winona State University - Winona State University
Rochester PO Box 5838
859 30th Avenue SE Winona, MN 55987
Rochester, MN 55904 (507) 457-5038 or (800) 342-5978
(507) 285-7473 or (800) 366-5418 x5038
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Or available on the Internet at: www.winona.edu/Nursing
International students must also contact the International Student Office at 507-457-5303