

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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1. Completed application with application fee of \$50
 2. Completion of an ACEN or CCNE accredited and state approved nursing program with a last 60 hours GPA 3.0 (minimum) on a 4.0 scale for RN or BSN to DNP or cumulative graduate GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale for post-MSN.
 3. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be submitted directly through NursingCAS.
Please do not send transcripts for non-traditional nursing programs to Undergraduate Admissions.
Transcripts must be received by NursingCAS in a sealed envelope from all previous academic institutions attended. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be sent to: NursingCAS, P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471.
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Additional requirements for the RN to BSN or BSN to DNP

Nurse Anesthesia tracks include:

1. At least one year of critical care experience as an RN, preferably within the last year
2. Eligible for RN licensure in TN, KY, and MS
3. Science GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale; defined as Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2, and statistics
4. CCRN required
5. Shadowing hours required (minimum 40 hours)
6. Experience as a preceptor and/or charge nurse preferred
7. Leadership within the ICU or place of employment with professional or clinical development projects preferred, such as:
 - Policy development
 - Practice change initiatives
 - Evidence-based practice initiatives
 - Instructor in BLS/ACLS/PALS
8. Students dismissed from a nurse anesthesia or other advanced practice nursing program for academic, clinical or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to Union University's Nurse Anesthesia BSN-DNP track. Students who have been enrolled in another program and withdrew in good standing or are still enrolled in good standing, must have a letter from their director stating that they are in good standing or withdrew when they were in good standing in order to be considered for admission to Union University's Nurse Anesthesia BSN-DNP track.

RN to DNP Without Previously Earned Bachelor's Degree; Nurse Practitioner and Executive Leadership Tracks Only

1. Applicants must complete the following undergraduate courses.
 - Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 – 8 hrs.
 - Microbiology with lab – 4 hrs.
 - Pathophysiology – 3 hrs.

same as those required in the DNP program. The maximum number of semester hours that may be transferred to Union University and applied to the DNP degree is nine, upon review of transcripts. In order to meet DNP Essentials, applicants may be required to audit courses at the recommendation of the faculty.

Applicants may take a maximum of 2 DNP core courses

dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after acceptance into a graduate program.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement

1. The student is responsible for providing information to the university regarding his/her employer's policies for reimbursement.
2. If the employer reimburses the student directly, the student must pay the university in full at the time of registration.
3. If the employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the university, the student must pay his/her portion of tuition at the time of registration.
4. The university will provide any required information to an employer when requested by the student.

Acceptance Deposits

A \$1,000 tuition deposit is required for the BSN–DNP nurse anesthesia track. A \$300 tuition deposit is required for RN to MSN (Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Education, Nurse Administration) and RN to DNP (Nurse Practitioner and Executive Leadership) tracks. The deposit for all post-graduate DNP tracks is \$800. **These deposits are non-refundable if the student elects not to enroll.** Applicants accepted on an “alternative” basis will receive a full refund if status is not changed to “accepted” by the first day of class.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of the course work within each specified track.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.
3. File an application for graduation with the Graduate Nursing Office by the published deadline.
4. Pay in full the student's account in the Business Office
5. Discharge all other obligations (fines, credentials, fees, etc.) at the University.

Degree Requirements

BSN to DNP Core for all tracks (49 hours)

1. NUR 515, 533, 559
2. NUR 710, 705, 715, 720, 725, 730, 745, 728
3. NUR 793, 791, 794, 735,738,739

BSN to DNP Advanced Practice Core for NPs and CRNAs (8 hours)

1. BIO 500
2. NUR 544, 622

BSN to DNP Executive Leadership (68 hours)

1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above)
2. Specialty: NUR 525, 593, 528, 693A, 695B, 535, 572, 615

BSN to DNP Nurse Practitioner (73-76 hours)

1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above)
2. Complete the Advanced Practice Core (above)

3. Specialty for FNPs: NUR 617, 600, 547, 639, 650 (73 hours)
4. Specialty for PNP: NUR 627C, 600, 557C, 638C, 650 (73 hours)
5. Specialty for Adult/Geriatric NPs: NUR 627A, 600, 557A, 638A, 650 (73 hours)
6. Specialty for Psychiatric Mental Health: NUR 566, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654 (76 hours)

BSN to DNP for Nurse Anesthesia (99 hours)

1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above)
2. Complete the Advanced Practice Core for NPs and CRNAs (above)
3. Specialty: BIO 505/507, BIO 509; NUR 519, 609, 532, 534, 524, 611, 612, 554, 613, 614, 574, 691

CRNA-DNP for Licensed CRNAs with the BSN (46 hours)

1. Complete the BSN to DNP core for all tracks (above); except for NUR 728 which is not required for this track

Post-Master's DNP (38 hours)

1. NUR 710, 705, 715, 720, 725, 730, 745
2. NUR 793, 791, 794, 735,738,739

DNP: Executive Leadership Track

The ability to serve as an executive leader within the healthcare setting requires a breadth of knowledge and skills that encompasses several disciplines. To prepare future nursing leaders for these high profile positions within healthcare organizations or academic institutions, this track offers the nurse the opportunity to serve along side leaders of health care or academic institutions in gaining the knowledge, skills, and wisdom needed to lead health care institutions in the future. The student will strengthen their understanding of the profession of nursing while gaining business principles to support the future leadership role. An application deadline of March 1 is noted for priority acceptance into this track that begins in the fall of each year. A 36-month BSN to DNP option is available, as well as a five semester Post-Master's option and an eight-semester part-time Post-Master's option.

DNP: Nurse Anesthesia Track

As the acuity level of the surgical patients increase and the complexity of the practice continues to demand more of the nurse anesthetist, additional knowledge and skills are being required to serve as a leader in both the operating room suite and within one's practice. To address these growing demands upon the nurse anesthetist, a 36-month BSN to DNP option for students who are not CRNAs is also available, with first application deadline of October 11, followed by December 1 and February 1. In addition, a 5-semester Post-Master's DNP Program is available to enhance your effectiveness as a practitioner and leader in the profession of nurse anesthesia. An application deadline of March 1 is noted for priority acceptance into this track that begins in the fall of each year. A 36-month BSN to DNP option is available, as well as a five semester Post-Master's option and an eight-semester part-time Post-Master's option. A 36-month CRNA-DNP option is also available for licensed CRNAs who do not currently hold a Master's degree.

