



DNP: Fall 2017

Admission Requirements

In addition to the [general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School](#), applicants must:

1. Be a graduate of an accredited (ACEN, CCNE or CNEA) master's degree nursing program
2. Have a current unrestricted RN license or authorization to practice as an RN in Virginia, the District of Columbia or a U.S. possession or territory.
3. Have a current certification in an advanced practice specialty (NP, CNS or nursing administration certification) by the time of entry into the program*
4. Our international and non-native English-speaking students bring different perspectives and new thinking to our nursing programs. To ensure that all incoming students are prepared for VCU SON's academic rigor, all international applicants and non-native English speaking applicants without a degree from a U.S. high school, college or university, must provide additional information with their applications according to the English language proficiency guidelines the [VCU bulletin](#).
5. Complete a personal interview.

Note: Test scores are not required for the DNP application.

* See page 2 for a list of acceptable advanced practice specialty certifications



Acceptable Advanced Practice Specialty Certifications

NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATIONS

- Acute Care NP (ACNP-BC)
- Adult NP (ANP-BC)
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP-BC)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP (AGPCNP-BC)
- Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP-C)
- Adult Psychiatric–Mental Health NP (PMHNP-BC)
- Family NP (FNP-BC)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-C)
- Gerontological NP (GNP-BC)
- Pediatric Primary Care NP (PNP-BC)
- Psychiatric–Mental Health NP (PMHNP-BC)

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATIONS

- Adult Health CNS (ACNS-BC)
- Adult-Gerontology CNS (AGCNS-BC)
- Adult Psychiatric–Mental Health CNS (PMHCNS-BC)
- Child/Adolescent Psychiatric–Mental Health CNS (PMHCNS-BC)
- Gerontological CNS (GCNS-BC)
- Home Health CNS (HHCNS-BC)
- Pediatric CNS (PCNS-BC)
- Public/Community Health CNS (PHCNS-BC)

SPECIALTY NURSES

- Nurse Executive (NE-BC)
- Nurse Executive Advanced (NEA-BC)
- Certified in Executive Nursing Practice (CENP)
- Certified Nurse Manager and Leader (CNML)