



## DNP: 2018

### 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 the U.S.
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. Interview, if requested
5. 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](#).

\* 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)