



MCG

GEORGIA'S HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

School of Graduate Studies
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Doctor of Nursing Practice

Admission Requirements

- Completed [Online Application for Graduate Programs](#)
- **Application Fee:** \$30
- Application **Deadlines:**

March 1 - FALL entry
July 1 - SPRING entry

Note: Applications and supporting materials received after the program deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

- **GPA:** Minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scales and minimum overall graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA less than 3.00 can submit additional documents for special consideration that include evidence of outstanding professional leadership, practice, or scholarship.
- **Minimum Degree Requirement and Official Transcripts:** Master' degree in nursing or related field from an accredited college or university.

Official transcripts are required from all universities and colleges ever attended. Only in the case of transcripts from international colleges/universities will an official course-by-course transcript evaluation be accepted in lieu of an official transcript.

Official transcripts should be sent to MCG's Office of Academic Admission as part of your "[Admissions Packet](#)". To remain official, all transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution. Alternatively, transcripts can be mailed to MCG's Office of Academic Admission directly from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution

- **[Transcript/Credential Evaluation of Foreign Transcripts:](#)** An official, professional course-by-course evaluation is required for all foreign educational transcripts and documents from one of the following three credentials evaluation services: Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., World Education Services (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE)
- **References:** References/recommendations from three individuals are required using the [Admissions Reference Form for Graduate Programs at the Medical College of Georgia](#). Referees should be

individuals qualified to assess your prior academic, employment, artistic, research and/or clinical experience, qualifications and potential, as applicable.

- **GRE Requirement:** Minimum combined Verbal and Quantitative score of 900. Official GRE scores are required (only the General GRE test is required).

All official GRE scores must be submitted to MCG's OAA directly from the [Education Testing Service](#) (ETS) and must be less than five years old. The institution code for submission of GRE scores to MCG is 5406. Please do not select a department code.

A waiver of the GRE requirement may be considered upon request. Requests will be considered only for applicants with a minimum overall graduate GPA of 3.25 and approval decided after review and consideration of entire application packet.

Millers Analogy Test (MAT) exam scores with a minimum score of 400 will be accepted in place of GRE exam scores; test must be taken within the last 5 years.

- **TOEFL Exam Scores:** Minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer based or 79 internet based.

Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test scores are required for applicants whose first language is not English. The institution code for submission of TOEFL scores to MCG is 5406. Please do not select a department code.

Exemption from the TOEFL requirement is allowed for graduate students who submit proof of earning a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college/university where English is the language of instruction.

Program Specific Requirements

- **Pre-requisite course work:** Graduate-level biostatistics course from an accredited institution within the last five years, with a grade of B or higher. Graduate-level epidemiology course from an accredited institution within the last five years, with a grade of B or higher.
- **Personal Interview:** Interviews by invitation only. Applicants will be selected for an interview based on an initial review of submitted application materials. Selected applicants will be notified directly by the program.
- **Resume or CV (curriculum vitae):** Including date of most recent revision.
- **Experience:** Experience in a specialty area indicating mastery in nursing practice.
- **Licensure and Certification:** Proof of current professional nurse licensure, and national certification as appropriate.

All DNP graduates must complete a total of 1000 hours of supervised clinical practice as mandated by the American Academy of Colleges of Nursing. These hours include previous MSN clinical hours plus clinical hours obtained in the DNP program. All entrants to the DNP program have their academic credentials and prior clinical experiences evaluated by the DNP Program Director or Co-Director. Based on the results of that evaluation, potential students may be required to provide

additional documentation of clinical hours in graduate program. Extra coursework (i.e. nursing research, nursing) and/or participation in additional clinical/residency hours depending on the number of credits obtained from Masters Degree program(s) may be required. For more information please contact the DNP Program Office at 706.721.3676.

Admission Recommendations

- **Experience:** Minimum of one year of experience in area of practice specialty.
- **Certification:** National Certification in specialty area (as appropriate) is strongly encouraged.

** Substitutions and/or waivers of minimum requirements must first be supported and approved at the program level and then formally approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.*

** While every effort is made to maintain this information as current, it may be subject to change. Please check with MCG's Office of Academic Admission for recent updates.*

** Applications deferred to another semester are subject to all admission requirements and program requirements in effect for the semester to which they are deferred*

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