



GEORGIA'S HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

School of Graduate Studies
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Master of Science in Nursing with a Major in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Admission Requirements

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

February 1 - FALL 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 scale.
- **Minimum Degree Requirement and Official Transcripts:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and/or Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited program.

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.

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:**
 - Undergraduate or graduate statistics.
- **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**
- **Experience:** Minimum of one year of RN experience required before beginning clinical courses.
- **Licensure:** Proof of current Georgia RN Nursing license is required prior to enrollment

Admission Recommendations

- **GPA:** Minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- **Experience:** Applicants are required to complete a minimum of one year's practice as an R.N. before they can be admitted to the clinical coursework in the P.N.P. program. Most students have at least two to three years of R.N. experience. The most successful nurse practitioner students have clinical experience with children of all ages and their families. Experience in communicating with children and their caregivers and in making independent nursing decisions has proven to be extremely helpful to students. While students often have experience in hospital and/or intensive care settings, it is not required, nor is it necessarily an advantage. Experience in any setting that promotes the development of professional confidence, clinical expertise, communication skills and self-awareness is essential for success in the nurse practitioner program.

** 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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