## Becoming a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Leader or Researcher: An Overview of the UK College of Nursing Graduate Programs including Admission Requirements and Application Process



### **Introductions**





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## **Graduate Nursing Programs**





- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  - BSN to DNP
  - MSN to DNP
- Post Graduate APRN Certificate



## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Healthcare Systems Leadership



- The College of Nursing offers a MSN with focus in Healthcare Systems Leadership. This option is ideal for individuals in mid-level management positions or those aspiring to move into management.
- Leadership is the only MSN focus. Nurse practitioner specialties remain in the DNP program.
- Students take a series of courses that prepare them to function as change agents in multi-dimensional roles in the organization and community.
- The curriculum emphasizes leadership effectiveness in micro and meso organizational/systems/settings, evidence-based management, quality/safety, information management expertise, and strategies to make organizational effectiveness strategies.

## **MSN Program Format**



- MSN courses are offered on-line with some scheduled synchronous online activities.
- Students are required to attend a one time on campus orientation at the start of the program.
- Students are assigned preceptors to complete practicum hours.



## **MSN Admission Requirements**



- Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale\*
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or NLN accredited program
- Three references attesting to the applicant's expertise in nursing or health care. Faculty prefer professional references from a former nursing faculty member or advisor if available, one or two from a manager/director/leader from their work setting, and no more than one from a peer.
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Current vita/resume
- Personal interview(s)



## **MSN Admission Requirements**



#### Continued....

- Goal Statement: The mission of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing is to promote health and well-being through excellence in nursing education, research, practice and service while fostering diversity and inclusion. To support our mission, we strive to build a community that includes students of diverse backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and cultures.
  - Please write a one to two double-spaced page essay describing what you as a person would bring to our educational community, the advanced practice nursing profession, and the community you seek to serve.
  - Include your short- and long-term professional goals. Identify and discuss a health system or organizational issue/problem you wish to expand your knowledge on during your MSN program

## **MSN Admission Requirements**



#### Continued....

• Scholarly written work: An example of scholarly written work, completed within three years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in your BSN program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on a nursing issue of interest to you



## **MSN** Application



- ALL applicants are required to complete the UK <u>Graduate</u>
   <u>School online application</u>.
- Fall 2023 Application deadline extended to APRIL 28
- The system allows candidates to monitor their application status and view receipt of supplemental materials.
- A non-refundable fee is required for each application to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. The application cannot be submitted without payment of this fee.



## **MSN** Application Deadline



- Application deadline is February 15. Fall 2023 deadline extended to APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>
- Applicant Interviews Qualified applicants will be contacted by the College of Nursing to schedule interviews with graduate faculty once all required application materials and fees have been submitted.
- Upon submission of all required application materials/credentials and completion of interviews with graduate faculty the MSN/DNP Committee will review the applicant file and make an official recommendation regarding admission to the MSN program in nursing to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis.

## **MSN Program Cost**



- MSN students are assessed tuition at Master HEALTH PROFSSIONAL online tuition rates. (Online graduate programs are billed at in-state rates for non-residents).
- 2022-2023 tuition rates:
  - Full time, in-state: \$7,516.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
  - Part time, in-state: \$822.00 per credit hour



# Doctor of Philosophy of Science in Nursing (PhD)



#### **Overview**

- The goal of the PhD Program, which is ranked among the top eight programs in the US by the National Research Council, is to prepare students to conduct clinical research that generates new knowledge applicable to nursing practice.
- A foundation of research and scholarship gained at the bachelor and master's level is further enhanced at the doctoral level. Our students are prepared to assume roles in a variety of settings, from private industry to community colleges to top research-intensive nursing schools affiliated with major academic health centers.

## Doctor of Philosophy of Science in Nursing (PhD)



#### **Overview Continued....**

- Doctoral students have the opportunity to participate in faculty members' research programs, such as psychosocial and biobehavioral interventions for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, management of critically ill patients, promoting self-management of chronic illnesses, domestic and workplace violence, tobacco policy and smoking cessation, occupational health and safety, health disparities, and health risks in pregnant women.
- Appropriate match is key to PhD student success.



## **PhD Program Format**



- Effective with Fall 2022 applicants to the program will have the option to participate either in-person on campus (traditional format) or remotely via zoom (on-line format). Individuals are to select one format upon admission.
- Students enrolled in the on-line format will participate in synchronous course offerings via zoom with the in-person students.
- Cognate courses (electives related to research focus) offered in other disciplines may meet on other dates.
- PhD program can be completed in a minimum of 3 years of full time study or part time in 4 years. Additional time may be required for dissertation research.

## PhD Degree Requirements



- Minimum of 48 credit hours of pre-qualifying course work
- Enrollment in at least five credit hours of course work per semester
- At least one term of research experience (10-20 hours per week)
- Prequalifying residency requirement: Students must complete the minimum 45 credit hours of course work within five years of entry into the doctoral program.
- Two consecutive full-time terms for the dissertation research residency
- Written and oral examinations to qualify as a candidate for the PhD degree
- Dissertation and final examination

## **PhD Admission Requirements**



- Undergraduate grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 grading scale
- A bachelor's degree in nursing from an NLN- or CCNE-accredited program
- Licensure as a registered nurse in Kentucky or in the state where research will take place
- Graduate Records Exam (GRE) is optional but highly recommended; GRE scores are used for competitive funding opportunities, particularly those from the UK Graduate School
- Three references attesting to the potential of the student for a scholarly career; at least one should be from a doctorally prepared nurse

## **PhD Admission Requirements**



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- Example of scholarly written work that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically; examples could include a publication or class paper
- Goal statement that addresses short- and long-term academic, research and career goals; a self-evaluation of motivation, initiative and the potential for independent learning with specific examples of each; and examples of leadership experiences where initiative and self-motivation were important to success
- Two faculty interviews arranged as part of the admission process
- Admission to the University of Kentucky Graduate School

## **PhD Application**



- ALL applicants are required to complete the <u>Graduate</u> <u>School online application</u>.
- The system allows candidates to monitor their application status and view receipt of supplemental materials.
- A non-refundable fee is required for each application to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. The application cannot be submitted without payment of this fee.



## **PhD Application Deadlines**



- Preferred application deadline is February 15 for Fall admission or September 15 for Spring admission
   Applicant Interviews - Applicants will be contacted by the College of Nursing to schedule interviews with two graduate faculty members once all required application materials and fees have been submitted.
- Upon submission of all required application materials/credentials and completion of interviews with graduate faculty the PhD Curriculum/Admissions Committee will review the applicant file and make an official recommendation regarding admission to the PhD program in nursing at the University of Kentucky. Admission decisions are made on a competitive basis.

#### **PhD Cost**



PhD students are assessed tuition at Graduate school rates

- 2022-2023 Tuition Rates (on campus):
  - Full time, in-state: \$6,973.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
  - Full time, out-of-state \$17,129.00 (9+ credit hours)
  - Part time, in-state: \$762.00 per credit hour
  - Part time, out-of-state \$1,890.00 per credit hour
- ONLINE Tuition Rates (enrolled ONLY in online courses):
  - Full time \$6427.00 per semester (9+ credit hours)
  - ➤ Part time \$715.50 per credit hour



## **Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**



#### **DNP Overview**

- "Practice-focused doctoral programs are designed to prepare experts in specialized advanced nursing practice. They focus heavily on practice that is innovative and evidence-based, reflecting the application of credible research findings." (AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advance Nursing Practice, p. 3)
- The UK College of Nursing DNP Program, which was the first program of its kind in the U.S., focuses on development of advanced competencies for complex practice, and research utilization for the improvement of clinical care delivery, patient outcomes and system management.

  Graduates will be experts in designing, implementing, managing and evaluating health care delivery systems and will be

prepared to lead at the highest clinical and executive ranks.

## **Doctor of Nursing Practice Program**



#### **DNP Overview Continued....**

• There are two entry points to the DNP Program. <a href="Post-Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)">Post-Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)</a> entry option for those with an awarded master's degree in nursing who are already prepared in the role of the advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and a <a href="Post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)">Post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)</a> entry option is offered as well, which builds on the BSN degree and prepares individuals for the advanced practice role. Both options culminate with the DNP degree.



## **DNP Program Format**



- DNP nursing courses are offered online but do require attendance on the Lexington campus for immersion activities up to six days each semester (1-3 days at start of term and 1-3 days at end of term).
- Clinicals are offered in a preceptor format. Students are assigned a preceptor by faculty and then work with the preceptor to create schedule to complete required hours for the course/ term. These hours are in addition to the immersion class meetings.
- Clinicals are completed a variety of inpatient and ambulatory facilities.



### **DNP Options**



- The Post-MSN Option requires a minimum of 38 credit hours and can be completed in three years of part time study
- Post-BSN Option requires a minimum of 67-77 credit hours and can be completed in three years of full-time study.
- Part-time plans are also available.



## **MSN-DNP Options**



#### **DNP Non Specialty Option (NEW Curriculum Plan)**

18 month completion time

For those with a national certification

- Faculty have proposed a new non specialty DNP option for MSN prepared students who do not wish to add a new specialty but want to complete a DNP program. This option is currently in the approval process and we hope to have it fully approved for Fall 2023.
- This option requires 28-40 credit hours. A GAP analysis is completed on all applicants to determine what course work/clinical hours can be accepted from MSN program.
- All DNP students must complete 1000 clinical/practicum hours to meet the degree requirement. The 1000 hours represents a combined total of MSN and DNP clinical/practicum hours.

## **DNP Specialty Options**



#### **Post MSN and Post BSN**

- Adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioners focus on assessment, diagnosis and management of acute health problems. Graduates are prepared to care for acutely and critically ill adults. As members of a multidisciplinary health care team, practitioners work in intensive care, progressive care, other hospital units, specialty clinics and specialty physicians' offices.
- Family nurse practitioners provide primary care to patients of all ages and will become experts at diagnosing and treating common health problems, promoting wellness and helping patients learn effective self-care. They work in a variety of settings, including clinics, physician offices, urgent care and community health settings.

## **DNP Specialty Options**



#### **Post MSN and Post BSN**

- **Pediatric nurse practitioners** specialize in health care for infants, children and adolescents. They practice in a range of settings, including children's hospitals, physicians' offices, schools and other acute and primary health care settings.
  - Applicants must select a primary care or acute care pediatric population focus.
- Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners are experts at caring for clients with mental health needs and psychiatric disorders, which include schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, mood disorders such as bipolar disorder and depression, and substance abuse. They focus on the family across the lifespan, with skills encompassing the full spectrum of psychiatric care, from independent practice to consulting on psychiatric conditions in a variety of health care settings.

## **DNP Specialty Options**



#### **Post MSN and Post BSN**

• Executive leadership in health care (non-direct care) graduates will identify actual and emerging problems and will design aggregate-level health interventions. They will work with diverse stakeholders for inter- or intra-organizational achievement of health care organizational and population health related goals. Students will be prepared as effective leaders in complex organizations and community/public health settings and to respond to the challenges of health care today.

## **DNP Admission Requirements**



- Undergraduate or Graduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale\*
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or NLN-CNEA accredited program
- Three references attesting to the applicant's expertise in nursing or health care. References are preferred from the following:
  - A recent faculty advisor or nursing faculty member (doctorally prepared)
  - A current supervisor
  - No more than one from a peer
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state in which clinicals will occur (prerequisite to clinical experience)
- Personal interview(s)

## **DNP Admission Requirements**



#### Continued....

- Goal Statement: The mission of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing is to promote health and well-being through excellence in nursing education, research, practice and service while fostering diversity and inclusion. To support our mission, we strive to build a community that includes students of diverse backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and cultures.
  - ➤ Please write a one to two double-spaced page essay describing what you as a person would bring to our educational community, the advanced practice nursing profession, and the community you seek to serve.
  - Include your short- and long-term professional goals. Identify a system or population you are interested in working with and discuss a problem in that system/population that you wish to expand your knowledge on during your DNP program.

## **DNP Admission Requirements**



#### Continued....

- Clinical nursing experience prior to the first DNP clinical course
- An example of scholarly written work, completed within two years of application, related to nursing that demonstrates excellent writing skills and the ability to communicate clearly and logically. Samples of scholarly work: formal research paper written in your BSN program; published article on a nursing issue; or paper written on a nursing issue of interest to you
- Current vita/resume



## **DNP Application**



- The UK College of Nursing DNP program participates in <a href="Nursing's">Nursing's</a>
  <a href="Centralized Application Service">Centralized Application Service</a> (NursingCAS), which provides you with an online application. NursingCAS collects and processes your application documents and verifies your transcripts. We receive your application information from NursingCAS and use it to make our admission decisions.
- You can view the status of your application at any time via NursingCAS.
- DNP applicants **DO NOT** apply to the UK Graduate School.



## **DNP Application Deadline**



- The application cycle opens September 15 and closes January 15 for Fall (August) admissions. The DNP program admits only for the fall term.
- Qualified, complete applicants will be contacted after the published application deadline to schedule interviews with graduate nursing faculty.
- Following interviews applications will be reviewed and decision letters emailed to all applicants by March 15.
- Admission is competitive based on the number of qualified applications received and the space available.
- We do not admit students from all states.



#### **DNP Cost**



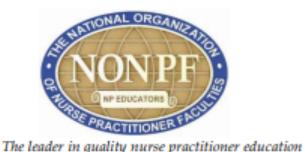
• DNP students are assessed tuition at the professional practice doctoral tuition rate. Residents and non-residents are billed at rates below.

• 2022-2023 rates:

• Full time: \$8,566.50 per semester (9+ credit hours)

• Part time: \$953.00 per credit hour





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#### The Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree: Entry to Nurse Practitioner Practice by 2025

#### May 2018

On April 20, 2018, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) made the commitment to move all entry-level nurse practitioner (NP) education to the DNP degree by 2025. Today, there are more than 300 DNP programs throughout the United States (US) (AACN, 2018), and NONPF has led the evolution of NP educational preparation to the DNP degree level (NONPF, 2015). NONPF maintains its dedication to all currently credentialed NPs and faculty members; however, we recognize that as the health care delivery system has grown increasingly complex, the role of NPs has evolved. The DNP degree reflects the rigorous education that NPs receive to lead and deliver quality health care.

NONPF supports a seamless, integrated DNP curriculum without a master's exit point as preparation for entry to the NP role (NONPF, 2015; NONPF, 2016). The DNP NP curriculum is not an add-on to the master's curriculum; instead, the curriculum integrates objectives and learning opportunities for students to achieve the NP core and population-focused competencies that are written for doctoral-level education (NONPF, 2013; NONPF, 2017a; NONPF and AACN, 2016). There are currently 187 post-baccalaureate DNP NP programs in the US, a 24% increase since 2015 (AACN, 2018). NONPF is committed to providing resources and support for faculty members as they embrace curricular changes (NONPF 2016).





Moving all entry-level NP education to the DNP degree by 2025 will take commitment from multiple stakeholders and development of strategies and initiatives yet to be determined. In December 2017, NONPF hosted a DNP summit with stakeholders from nearly 20 national organizations to have a critical dialogue about moving entry-level NP education to the DNP degree by 2025 (NONPF, 2017b). While not all participants agreed that the DNP should be the entry level degree for NP practice, everyone agreed to continue the dialogue, stay actively engaged, and take the information back to their organizations. Moving forward, NONPF will continue to work with the DNP Summit participants and additional organizations and stakeholders, as they are critically important to realizing our goal.

As the preeminent leader in NP education that provides timely and critical resources for NP educators, NONPF moves forward with an unwavering commitment to create innovative, high quality educational resources to NP faculty during this transition. Our work will lead and unite NP educators to transform healthcare.

Approved by the NONPF Board of Directors, April 2018.



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# New NP education standards applicable to all NP programs

- NP population focused track must have a minimum of 750 direct patient care clinical hours to prepare the graduate with competencies for full scope of NP population focused practice
- Direct patient care clinical hours may include student provision of care delivered to the patient through telehealth and global health experiences
- Simulation is not direct patient care, and these hours may not be included in the 750 direct patient care total
- Program of study includes a concentrated/immersive clinical practice experience near the end of the program that prepares graduates for the full scope of NP practice

Standards for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education 6th Edition A Report of the National Task Force on

**Quality Nurse Practitioner Education** 

# Postgraduate APRN Certificate



- The primary objective of this option is to prepare advanced practice registered nurses for national certification eligibility and licensure in a new or additional specialty area of practice through a formal, organized curriculum that focuses on specialty courses in the student's area of interest.
- Individuals with a Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree are eligible to apply.



# **Certificate Program Format**



- Certificate and DNP nursing courses are offered in a hybrid immersion format and require attendance on the Lexington campus up to six days each semester (up to three days at start of term and up to 3 days at end of term).
- Clinicals are offered in a preceptor format. Students are assigned a preceptor by faculty and then work with the preceptor to create schedule to complete required hours for the course/ term. These hours are in addition to the immersion class meetings.
- Clinicals are completed a variety of inpatient and ambulatory facilities.



# **Certificate Specialty Options**



- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Executive Nursing Leadership



# **Certificate Admission Requirements**



- Master of Science or doctoral degree in nursing (preferred)
- Completed application to the UK College of Nursing Certificate Option (form is located on the "Applying" page)
- Minimum score of 550 (or 213 on computer-based test or 79 on iBT) on Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all applicants whose native language is not English
- Unencumbered, unrestricted registered nurse licensure in the state where clinical work will take place



# **Certificate Admission Requirements**



## Continued....

- Two references, one of which must be from your current supervisor, the other from your master's or doctoral degree program advisor (preferred) or other nursing faculty member
- Interview(s) with graduate faculty member(s)
- Admission is competitive based on space availability and clinical



# **Certificate Application**



- The UK College of Nursing DNP program participates in <a href="Nursing's">Nursing's</a>
  <a href="Centralized Application Service">Centralized Application Service</a> (NursingCAS), which provides you with an online application. NursingCAS collects and processes your application documents and verifies your transcripts. We receive your application information from NursingCAS and use it to make our admission decisions.
- You can view the status of your application at any time via NursingCAS.
- **DO NOT** apply to the UK Graduate School.



# **Certificate Application Deadline**



- The application cycle opens September 15 and closes January 15 for Fall (August) admissions.
- Qualified, complete applicants will be contacted after the published application deadline to schedule interviews with graduate nursing faculty.
- Following interviews applications will be reviewed and decision letters mailed to all applicants by March 15.
- Admission is competitive based on the number of qualified applications received and the space available.
- We do not admit students from all states.



## **Certificate Cost**



 Certificate students are assessed tuition at the professional practice doctoral tuition rate. Residents and non-residents are billed at rates below.

• 2022-23 rates:

• Full time: \$8,566.50 per semester (9+ credit hours)

• Part time: \$953.00 per credit hour



# **Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing**



- In the approval process.
- The **Certificate in Teaching Nursing** is designed for nurses who are seeking to enhance their teaching/pedagogical skills, including those who are interested in an academic career in nursing education or a clinical educator in a hospital/healthcare setting. Students will learn how to design courses to meet specific learning outcomes and create assignments that are effective methods for course evaluation and assessment of student competencies.



# **Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing**



- All courses are fully online. NUR 641 is a teaching practicum which will include some in person classroom/clinical experience.
- To be admitted to the Certificate in Teaching Nursing program students must be post MSN, DNP, or PhD in Nursing, or currently be enrolled in an MSN, DNP, or PhD program in nursing.

Course Title	Credits
NUR 640 Best Practices in Nursing Education: Art and Science of Teaching	3
NUR 642 Best Practices in Nursing Instruction: Curriculum Design and Outcome Evaluation	3
NUR 641 Best Practices in Clinical Teaching: Teaching Nursing Practicums	3



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Graduate Certificate students are assessed tuition at Graduate school rates

- 2022-2023 Tuition Rates Graduate School Certificate ONLINE Tuition Rates (enrolled ONLY in online courses):
  - ➤ Part time \$715.50 per credit hour



# **Out-of-State Students**

The University of Kentucky works to provide distance learning courses and programs to students across the state of Kentucky, the country and abroad, but location matters when it comes to the availability of some courses and programs. Each state and territory have different requirements for distance learning. Out of state students who are interested in distance learning should read each section below and confirm that their **program of interest can be offered and/or lead to licensure or certification in their state or territory.** 

- State Authorization is a type of consumer protection regulated by states and territories. Institutions are required to obtain state authorization when they offer online courses or programs outside of their home state. Visit the <a href="State Authorization by Program">State Authorization by Program</a> section to learn which programs are authorized in each state.
- States may have additional requirements for programs that lead to professional licensure or certification. Learn which programs can lead to <u>licensure and certification</u> in each state.
- Contact <u>Distance Learning</u> with questions or for more information.



# **UK Employee Education Program (EEP)**



- EEP program is a benefit provided by the University and administered by the HR Benefits Office. Open to all regular, full time UK employees.
  - Covers 6-8 credit hours per semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer)
  - Maximum of 18 hours per year (Fall, Spring & Summer combined)
- Employees are required to submit EEP form each semester to UK's HR office for tuition waiver. Employee pays course fees.
- Graduate level waivers in excess of \$5,250 per year are subject to tax as mandated by IRS section 127
  - For eligibility, visit the HR website <a href="www.uky.edu/hr">www.uky.edu/hr</a>
  - Please direct inquiries regarding the EEP program to edubenefits@uky.ed
  - Anita Dawson, UK EEP Program Coordinator

# UK Employee Education Program (EEP/FEP) ₩ □ □

- Please be reminded that only you or your child can use your EEP/FEP benefit at one time
- The benefit cannot be used by both the employee and the child during the same semester



# **Contacts: EEP and UKHC Nursing**



Please direct additional inquiries about the Nursing Tuition Contract Program or UKHC Scholarships to <a href="mailto:hospitalpayments@uky.edu">hospitalpayments@uky.edu</a>
Andrea Wright/Danielle Sizemore-Program Coordinators

Please direct additional inquiries regarding the EEP program to <a href="mailto:edubenefits@uky.edu">edubenefits@uky.edu</a>

**Anita Dawson-Program Coordinator** 



## **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:**



- UK College of Nursing: Average awards of \$1000-2000 per year.
  - Application deadline March 30<sup>th</sup> for next academic year
  - Limited funds
- Kentucky Board of Nursing Nurse Incentive Scholarship (NISF)
- Specialty Organizations: AACN, ONS, STTI, ENA, NBNA
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)
  - Percentage of loan funds cans be forgiven for graduates once they take a position as nurse faculty upon degree completion. Up to 85% of funds forgiven after 4 years of employment as nursing faculty
  - Requires 3 college teaching courses to be completed during degree program
  - Repayment penalty is high for those who do not meet forgiveness criteria

# **Application Tips**

- Spend adequate time determining the correct program/specialty for you. This should include a patient population you enjoy working with now and 10-20 years from now. Graduate School is a huge commitment of time, money and energy. You want to apply to the program that best meets your professional and personal goals. Do not rush this decision.
- Reach out to those in a role you aspire to and ask how they came to be in that position and their educational preparation/path.
- Seek out shadowing opportunities; talk to CON graduate faculty regarding specialty areas
- Apply well in advance of application deadline once you have selected program
- Update resume/CV first as applications will as you for schools attended and dates.
- Goal/Personal Statement: Follow prompts included with application and respond to all prompts. Do not
  rush this piece as this is the window for faculty to learn about you. Ask a colleague or friend who is a good
  writer to review and give feedback.
- Scholarly writing sample: update paper from your prior or current degree program
- Interview preparation: be prepared to articulate why you are applying to a particular program (degree/College/University/specialty). Learn the difference between the MSN and DNP degrees.







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Current program and application information can be found on the College of Nursing website: <a href="http://www.uky.edu/nursing/">http://www.uky.edu/nursing/</a>

