**Title** | Pre-Requisites to Admission - All Programs
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**Policy Statement**
It is the policy of the College of Graduate Nursing that the Admissions Committee shall admit qualified students who are personally and professionally prepared for the rigors of an advanced nursing curriculum.

**Purpose of Policy**
To ensure that CGN applicants for the advanced nursing curriculum are carefully selected and have the potential for success in the program.

**Related Policy Information**
The College of Graduate Nursing Admissions Committee shall work closely with the University admissions office to ensure a complete and timely process for all applications.

The following are minimum requirements for admission into programs of study at the College of Graduate Nursing.

**Master of Science in Nursing - Entry (MSN-E) Track**
* Bachelor Degree in any field other than nursing from an accredited institution.  
* GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units.  
* Completion of the following pre-requisite courses with a grade of C or better in each:  
  - Communications (6 semester units)  
  - Statistics (3 semester units)  
  - Social Sciences (3 semester units)  
  - Psychology (3 semester units)  
  - Human Anatomy (4 semester units including lab)  
  - Human Physiology (4 semester units including lab)  
  - Microbiology (4 semester units including lab)  
  - Nutrition (3 semester units)

**Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN/FNP) Track**
* Bachelor of Science in Nursing* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program.  
* GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units.  
* Statistics (3 semester units).  
* Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where preceptor clinical hours will be completed.  
* 1 year experience as a Registered Nurse (RN).

**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)-Only Track**
* Bachelor of Science in Nursing* from a National League of Nursing (NLN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited program  
* GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units  
* Nurse Practitioner, FNP, PNP, ANP, GNP, CRNA, or CMN, WHNP  
* GPA 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units  
* Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where preceptored clinical hours will be completed.  
* 1 year experience as a Registered Nurse (RN).

**Post-Masters Track - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)-Only**  
* Master of Science in Nursing or related field  
* GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units  
* Statistics (3 semester units)  
* Registered Nurse (RN) licensure in the state where preceptored clinical hours will be completed
* 1 year experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)

**Advanced Practice Nurse to Family Nurse Practitioner (APN-FNP) Track**
* Master of Science in Nursing or related field
* GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
* Statistics (3 semester units)
* Registered Nurse (RN) and/or Nurse Practitioner (NP) licensure in the state where preceptored clinical hours will be completed
* 1 year of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN)
* Verification of Advance Practice Nurse Specialty
* Documentation on transcript of the number of clinical hours completed in previous NP program.

Decisions of the Admissions Committee regarding the admission of applicants are final.

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