ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is based on an evaluation of demonstrated academic ability and professional experience. Successful completion of undergraduate courses in pathophysiology, pharmacology, health assessment, statistics, and research will be evaluated during the review of applications. Westminster operates rolling admissions, so it is best to apply as soon as possible. The priority deadline is July 25, 2025. Students enter the program at the beginning of Fall semester and may complete the 42 credit requirements within five semesters, including one summer semester.

A candidate for admission must submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Application
- Official college or university transcripts from all colleges or universities attended showing proof of baccalaureate degree and MSN degree from a regionally accredited institution. Transcripts are considered official when sent directly from the school or transcript service.
- Professional Statement—The plan of study for the Doctor of Nursing Practice program includes a personal scholarly project that demonstrates your ability to apply advanced nursing theories. This project evolves over three semesters, integrating coursework in theory, ethics, statistics, policy, leadership, informatics, and quality improvement to address real-world challenges in nursing practice.
- In 200 words or less describe your initial ideas for a scholarly project addressing the following:
  - Topic Selection(s)
  - Theoretical and Ethical Considerations
  - Research and Evidence-Based Practice Broader Impact
- Professional resume detailing professional work experience, including relevant job titles, work experiences, responsibilities, and related activities
- 2 letters of recommendation from academic or professional colleagues who can address the candidate's academic and interpersonal skills relevant to the program
- APRN license and National Nurse Practitioner Certificate
- Proof of current national board certification
- Negative drug testing (10-panel, urine test) results performed by castlebranch.com.

Once accepted to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, applicants must submit a $250 non-refundable enrollment deposit.

Due Upon Enrollment Into the Program:

- Background check performed by CastleBranch.com (must be free of criminal arrest) (may take up to 3 weeks to process). View background check instructions.
- Evidence of a clear 10-panel drug screen completed by#CastleBranch. View drug screen instructions.

Upon completion of the application file with all required documentation, according to application dates, the individual's application materials are submitted to the DNP Admissions Committee for review. A personal interview with DNP faculty will be arranged by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Once accepted to the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, applicants must submit $250 tuition deposit within 30 days, which guarantees a place in the entering class. To preserve the faculty to student ratio, space availability in each class is limited. Westminster University reserves the right to close the class earlier than date specified if enrollment goals are met before those dates.

Note: Currently enrolled MSN: FNP students at Westminster University may qualify for a waiver for letters of recommendation and can have their drug screen and background check carried over from their MSN: FNP application. Currently enrolled MSN students at any institution may qualify for provisional admission if applying prior to the completion of their APRN and National Nurse Certifications. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 801.832.2201 or gradadmissions@westminsteru.edu with questions.