

Purpose

To provide direction for graduate admission.

Policy Detail

The College seeks individuals who demonstrate qualities of scholarship, motivation and commitment to academic and personal growth. Equal opportunity for admission is offered without regard to race, color, creed, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, genetic information, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, marital status, veteran status or disability or physical ability, socioeconomic background, or other legally protected classifications.

Admission is competitive and includes specific academic standards for each program. Developmental courses for remedial studies are not offered by the College. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or readmission to any applicant if, in the opinion of the Admissions Committee members, his/her admission is not in the best interest of the applicant or the College.

Admission Requirements

1. Master of Healthcare Administration

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- i. Successful completion of an accredited program as evidenced by:
 - a. a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
 - b. a preferred undergraduate GPA of 2.8 on a 4-point scale.
 - c. an undergraduate course in statistics from an accredited institution with a minimum passing grade of "C".

2. Master of Science in Nursing (Administration & Education Tracks)

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- i. Current RN licensure in the state where clinical practice will occur
- ii. A BSN degree from a regionally accredited institution. If the applicant's bachelor's degree is in another discipline, refer to RN to MSN Bridge requirements
- iii. A preferred undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4-point scale
 - d. An undergraduate course in statistics from an accredited institution with a minimum passing grade of "C".
- iv. One year of professional nursing experience or current employment in nursing is preferred
- v. An undergraduate health assessment course (MSN Nursing Education only)

3. Master of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)

Applicants will be evaluated on a rolling basis through a competitive admission process by the NP Graduate Nursing faculty. The applicant is responsible for assuring that PA College receives all the necessary materials by the application deadline

Applicants must meet the following minimum entrance requirements:

- i. Current United States RN licensure in the state where clinical practice will occur
- ii. A BSN degree from a regionally accredited institution. If student does not possess a BSN, refer to RN to MSN Bridge requirements
- iii. A preferred undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4-point scale

- e. An undergraduate course in statistics from an accredited institution with a minimum passing grade of "C".
- iv. An undergraduate health assessment course
- v. An interview with the Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator or designee and members of the Nurse Practitioner faculty
- vi. Two years relevant clinical experience in nursing
- vii. A curriculum vitae or resume highlighting relevant nursing accomplishments and experience

4. Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- i. Master's degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing.
- ii. A preferred graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4-point scale.
- iii. An interview with the Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator or designee and members of the Nurse Practitioner faculty.
- iv. Two years of relevant clinical experience in nursing.
- v. A curriculum vitae or resume highlighting relevant nursing accomplishments and experience.

5. RN to MSN Bridge

An RN who holds a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than nursing may be granted conditional acceptance into a graduate program. This RN must be a graduate from a regionally accredited pre-licensure program. In order to fulfill admission requirements, the applicant must complete the following three required courses:

IPC 401	Research in Health Care
NUR 420	Nursing Leadership and Management
NUR 430	Nursing in a Global Society

- i. The applicant must complete the three required courses with a grade of "B" or higher within 12 months of conditional acceptance. Upon satisfactory completion of these courses, the applicant's status will be changed from conditional to full acceptance, and the applicant will be permitted to begin graduate coursework.
- ii. If a student does not achieve a minimum grade of "B" for a course, the student may repeat the course one time. If the student is unsuccessful on the second attempt, the student will lose conditional acceptance to the MSN program.
- iii. Applicants may appeal to the appropriate Track Coordinator or designee for additional time to complete the required courses.
- iv. Applicants may be exempted from one or more of these required courses upon submission of a transcript that verifies satisfactory ("B" or higher) completion of an equivalent course at a regionally accredited institution.
- v. After successfully completing all requirements and admission to the MSN program, the student will progress directly into graduate-level courses.
- v. The BSN is not awarded in the RN to MSN program.

6. Doctor of Nursing Practice

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- i. Master's degree in nursing from a regionally accredited school of nursing
- ii. A preferred graduate GPA of 3.5 on a 4-point scale
- iii. A college level statistics course from an accredited institution with a minimum passing grade of "C".
- iv. Two letters of recommendation from individuals with a graduate degree, preferably one from a doctorally-prepared professional who can attest to the applicant's ability to complete a doctoral program
- v. A curriculum vitae or resume highlighting relevant nursing accomplishments and experience
- vi. A written statement clearly identifying the applicant's career goals and how admission to the program will facilitate professional objectives
- vii. A written proposal describing ideas for DNP evidence-based practice project (three-page maximum)
- viii. A successful interview with the DNP Program Director or designee and members of the Graduate Nursing faculty

International Applicants

PA College is not approved to issue student visas. International applicants must show proof of permanent resident visa status.

An individual educated in another country may be admitted if, in addition to satisfying the general admission requirements, he/she demonstrates proficiency in English, shown by earning a minimum computerized score of 213 or Internet based score of 79 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. Students from English speaking countries may choose to take the SAT or ACT as an alternative to the TOEFL exam.

A translation and evaluation of foreign transcripts by the World Education Service (WES) or other approved agency is required.

Applications & Acceptance

Completed applications should be submitted electronically via PA College website with a non-refundable processing fee. All materials submitted for the application process become the property of PA College and will not be returned or forwarded.

Current students and recent graduates of PA College who plan to pursue another degree at the College should contact the Office of Admissions for direction.

Upon acceptance, applicants must submit a non-refundable enrollment deposit by the date stated on the enrollment decision form.

Postponement of Start Term

Students may be considered for postponement of start term for up to one academic year. Students must submit a letter or email requesting consideration for the next available program start. No application fee is required if the request for reconsideration is made within one year of acceptance. Applicants must submit any additional documentation regarding any coursework taken in the interim.

Waitlist Consideration

Students who are placed on a waiting list for a program may request reconsideration for admission to the next available class. No application fee is required if the request for admission is made within one year.

Readmission

Students who have withdrawn or been dismissed from a PA College program due to academic deficiencies, but who have evidence of subsequent personal and/or academic maturation or a change in relevant circumstances, may request to be readmitted to the College (to the same or a different program). An application fee is required.

Applicants must submit a request in writing to the Director of Admissions or designee, which must include a discussion of the barriers that prevented academic success and the resolution of those barriers. If the applicant has completed additional post-secondary education, transcripts should be included with the request.

All readmitted students are required to complete any program requirements in effect in the College catalog at the time of readmission. In addition, acceptance of transfer credits from other institutions will be granted in accordance with current policy.

Open Studies Students

Individuals not currently accepted to a graduate program are permitted to enroll in graduate courses at PA College with the approval of the Program Director responsible for those courses

References: N/A

Audience:	Students, Prospective Students
Date Issued:	08/01/20
Date Approved by Faculty:	06/22/20
Date Revised:	06/22/20
Date Reviewed:	06/22/20
Owner:	GCPC, Director of Admissions