



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing. We are excited about our program and hope you will consider applying for admission.

Nurses with master's degrees with direct patient care specializations (advanced practice areas) and the indirect patient care specialization of nursing administration are eligible to apply for this program. Nurse Educator specialty graduates do not currently qualify for admission to the program.

On our website (<http://www.siu.edu/nursing/graduate/dnp/overview.shtml>) you will find admission criteria and a program progression plan. This 30 credit-hour program will be offered primarily online, with required immersion experiences on campus, as well as required practice experiences at an approved agency (ideally at the agency at which you are currently employed). This part-time plan includes five semesters of study with completion of a final project. Because the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has mandated that DNP graduates complete at least 1,000 hours of practice post-baccalaureate as part of a supervised academic program, master's degree transcripts will be evaluated individually, with a maximum of 500 clinical hours from advanced practice specialization programs counting toward the total of 1,000 required hours. Deficit practice hours will be completed in the program as residency practicum hours.

Also available on our website are the application documents for the DNP program. These include: the School of Nursing Post-Master's DNP Admission Application, a reference form (three are required), and the Potential Project Idea Proposal Form. **The priority deadline for applications is March 1 for fall admission. Upon acceptance, a non-refundable advance deposit fee of \$300 is required (applied toward future tuition).**

The Graduate School application can be found on the SIUE website by clicking on the blue "Apply Now" button at the top right-hand side of any of SIUE's Web pages. You will find the PDF application directly under the green button "Start New Application."

Please send all application materials to:

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Office of Graduate Admissions
Campus Box 1047
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047

If you have any questions, or if we can provide any assistance as you complete your application, please contact me at (618) 650-3936 or Tina Noto, Graduate Academic Advisor at (618) 650-3930.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy M. Ketchum".

Kathy Ketchum, PhD, RN
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