# **Graduate Admission Guidelines for MSN, DNP and PhD**

Applicants will be evaluated on the following:
☐ For all applicants, a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate and
graduate courses.
☐ For post-licensure applicants, a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all
pre-licensure nursing courses.
□ The GRE is waived if any one of the following conditions is met:
Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or greater
2. Pre-licensure nursing GPA of 3.0 or greater.
3. Graduate GPA (of a completed degree) of 3.5 or greater
For more information go to http://www.gre.org.
☐ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for applicants who are
non-native speakers of English and have not completed a minimum of three (3) years of higher
education and received their baccalaureate degree in the United States.
□ Acceptable interviews with College of Nursing faculty. These are arranged after a
preliminary review of academic credentials and application materials. Masters and DNP
applicants require one faculty interview, PhD applicants require two.
□ Non-nurses who hold a graduate degree in a health related field will be considered for
admission to the PhD program.
Additional requirements for applicants to the <b>Nurse Anesthesia</b> program:
☐ Have a minimum of one year (two years preferred) of recent critical care nursing
experience - must include experience in an adult critical care setting.
□ Document BLS, ACLS and PALS recognition presented at the time of interview.

## **Application Procedures**

The College of Nursing only accepts applications to its program through the Nursing Centralized Admission Service (NursingCAS). This service allows applicants to provide necessary application materials (essay, references, transcripts, etc.) to a centralized repository, thus making it easier for the applicant to manage their application. Only official GRE and TOEFL scores, if required, will need to be submitted directly to the *Office of Admissions Services* prior to the application deadline. *The GRE school code for Rush is 3262*. After initial review of the application, qualified applicants will be invited to complete a brief Rush supplemental application and to interview with a faculty member.

Please be advised that **GEM** applicants who apply to the College mush have completed *all pre-requisite classes* when submitting their application to the College. Thus, applicants should plan their pre-requisites such that these courses are completed in sufficient time to meet the application deadline.

The Admissions Committee takes into consideration all application materials when evaluating an applicant. It also reserves the right to require additional materials. Students who do not meet the minimum recommended requirements in all areas may be considered on an individual basis.

All application materials (official transcripts, recommendations, test scores) must be received by the application deadline. To view application deadlines, go to <a href="http://www.rushu.rush.edu/nursing/admission.html">http://www.rushu.rush.edu/nursing/admission.html</a>.

# Due to strong demand and limited class size, it is recommended that students apply early to all programs.

## Calendar

Rush University is currently on a quarter system - fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters which begin in September, January, March, and June respectively. Each quarter is approximately 10 weeks in length. In fall 2012, the College will be transitioning to a trimester or 3-term academic year. To learn more about this transition go to Trimester Conversion Information.

#### Information Sessions

Information sessions are held on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 4:30 p.m. in the College of Nursing, Armour Academic Center, 600 S. Paulina, Room 976.

## **Financial Aid**

Full and part-time students may apply to be considered for state, federal, and institutional funds including Federal Professional Nurse Traineeships and pre-doctoral research fellowships. Rush University Medical Center also offers employees tuition reimbursement and flexible work arrangements to facilitate continuing education. Questions regarding financial aid may be directed to the office of Student Financial Aid at 312-942-6256 or visit our website at: <a href="http://www.rushu.rush.edu/finaid/index.html">http://www.rushu.rush.edu/finaid/index.html</a>

# Housing

On-campus housing (studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments) is available. Assistance in locating on and off-campus housing is provided by the Office of Student Affairs at 312-942-6302. You may visit their website at: http://www.rushu.rush.edu/studentlife/housing/index.html

## **Additional Information**

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