



Rush University, College of Nursing

Policies and Procedures-Admissions

Entry Points

Several entry points are available, depending on the educational goals and academic background of the applicant.

1. Students with a baccalaureate degree in another field may apply for the Generalist Entry Masters (GEM) program.
2. RNs with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing may apply directly for the MSN degree or the PhD degree options.
3. RNs with a baccalaureate degree with an upper division major in nursing may apply directly for the MSN or PhD degree options.
4. RNs with a master's degree in nursing may apply for the DNP* or PhD degree options.

*RN applicants to the DNP program with a master's degree in a related field will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Deadlines for Application. Application deadlines for prelicensure and graduate nursing programs may be obtained by contacting College Admission Services or viewing the College of Nursing web site at www.rushu.rush.edu/nursing/admission.html. All application materials must be received by the indicated deadline. Applicants are encouraged to apply early in order to avoid missing deadlines due to missing documentation.

Practice Experience Requirements. Some areas of concentration in MSN or Post-MSN programs have RN practice requirements that must be completed prior to registering for the specific clinical courses in that program. College Admission Services has information on current practice requirements. Nurse Anesthesia requires at least one year of critical care experience PRIOR to admission to that program.

International Students. Students who have not completed their undergraduate college education in the US are welcome to make application. Successful completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - minimum score of 550 on the written exam or 213 on the computerized exam - and Test of Written English (TWE) - minimum score of 5, are required if the student has not completed their undergraduate college education in the U.S. If the student is taking the newer format of TOEFL, minimum scores of 20-22 are required in each area.