Thank you for your interest in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) post-master’s degree program option. We are pleased that you are considering continuing your graduate education at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Enclosed you will find materials related to the admission process and the program plans. Prior to applying we strongly encourage you to contact Dr. Catherine Kenney, Admissions Coordinator - Graduate Nursing Programs, to review your career goals, discuss your interest in the program, and to address any questions that you might have about the program. There are two MSN-DNP options, a 31 credit MSN to DNP option/program plan for those with an MSN and role preparation as an NP, CNS, CRNA, or CNM and a 31 credit MSN-DNP nurse executive option/program plan for those with an MSN and role preparation as a nurse administrator. Information sessions are also available so that you can better understand the graduate nursing program options at UWEC.

Enclosed is the part-time program plan for the post-master’s option, which is two and a half years. Courses are offered over the spring, summer, fall, and winterim terms, with a required spring start. The post-master’s options are comprised of 31 credits encompassing core courses, DNP seminars, and clinical practice credits, representing a total of 450 clinical hours for APR’s and 525 clinical hours for Nurse Executives. All graduate course work is taught by nursing faculty who hold doctoral degrees. Courses for the DNP program will be offered via a combination of classroom immersion days (either on Tuesday or Wednesday) and online. Clinical practicums require additional time scheduled during the week, though many of these hours can be arranged in your home community/region.

Applications are accepted beginning July 15, 2019 and closing by December 31, 2019.

Along with the standard UW-Eau Claire graduate student tuition, the post-master’s DNP credits entail an additional $250.00 per credit course fee.

Admission requirement: For consideration for admission, an applicant must have an undergraduate and graduate degree in nursing (with at least a 3.00 GPA) from program’s accredited by CCNE, NLN or ACEN; U.S. RN licensure (WI RN license required following admission, and at least two weeks before starting the program); and prerequisite course content in undergraduate or graduate statistics. Additional information is required dependent on the master’s preparation. Please refer to the demographic form for additional information.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Discuss graduate program with Dr. Catherine Kenney (kromricc@uwec.edu) or attend a Graduate Nursing Program information session. Dates and sign-up are available at the Department of Nursing webpage https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/graduate-programs/

2. Complete the University of Wisconsin-Online Admission Application available at http://apply.wisconsin.edu/ and submit a $56.00 University application fee. There is a separate $35.00 program application fee that may be paid with the university application fee or separately.

3. Request TRANSCRIPTS of your academic work from the institution that granted your baccalaureate and master’s degree in nursing and from any institution from which you have completed course work necessary for admission, i.e., an undergraduate statistics course if taken at an institution different than your degree-granting institution (to be sent directly to the Office of Admissions).

   **DNP Program Admission Checklist:**
   (The forms provided must be downloaded/printed and then completed; they CAN NOT be completed online.)

   1. Payment of $35.00 program application fee (by check or money order if not paid online with the university application fee.

   2. Complete the MSN to DNP Demographic Data Form including information about your RN license. You must have a valid RN license in the U.S. to apply. An RN license in the State of Wisconsin is required by no later than two weeks prior to the start of the first class of the program.

   3. Request REFERENCES from three individuals who are knowledgeable of your clinical ability and/or potential for graduate study, e.g. employer, nurse manager, supervisor, or instructor. *Three reference forms are provided for this purpose. Use only these forms.*

   4. Complete the DNP GRADUATE ADMISSION ESSAY. See enclosed instructions.

   5. Submit Resume/Curriculum Vitae

   6. Mail these materials (and the fee if not paid online) to:
   
   UW-Eau Claire Graduate Admissions
   111 Schofield Hall,
   105 Garfield Ave., PO Box 4004
   Eau Claire WI 54702-4004:

   Applications are accepted beginning July 1, 2019 and are accepted until filled or no later than December 31, 2019. Once all application materials are received, the completed packet is reviewed and an admission decision made. If accepted to the program, newly admitted students are expected to attend orientation (date and time TBD). Following admission to the nursing program, students must in a timely manner provide required health record information, information to conduct a criminal background check, and evidence of current CPR certification.

   Please contact Dr. Catherine Kenney (715-836-3638, kromricc@uwec.edu) or Patricia McGregor, University Services Program Associate (715-836-4824, mcgregpj@uwec.edu) if you have any questions about the application process.

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2. Home Street Address: ____________________________________________________________

   City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________

   E-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

3. Registered Nurse Licensure
   ❑ Wisconsin, License number ____________________________
   OR ❑ U.S. Jurisdiction (State) ____________________________ License number ____________

4. Option ❑ MSN to DNP for APN’s         ❑ MSN to DNP for Nurse Executive

Note: Wisconsin License is required by no later than two weeks prior to the start of the first class, following admission to the nursing program.

5. a) Advanced Practice Nursing Certification or 550 Hours of Clinical Practicum in Master’s program, OR
   b) Nurse Executive Certification or 550 Hours of Clinical Practicum in Master’s program

   ❑ Certification (indicate below); For NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM, or Nurse Executive (e.g. NE-BC), national certification for the APN roles must be by a body approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing

   ❑ Photocopy of certification attached

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6. Nursing Master’s Program Information

   Type of Nursing Master’s Degree __________________________________________________
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   Name of Degree-Granting Institution _____________________________________________
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Full Name: ____________________________________________

7. Baccalaureate in Nursing Program Information
   Date of Baccalaureate Degree ____________________________________________
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8. Completion of graduate level pharmacology course (not required for nursing administration)
   Name of course _________________________________________________________
   Location ____________________________ Date ____________________________

9. Completion of basic epidemiology content
   Name of course or integrated into which courses:

   ____________________________________________________________
   Location ____________________________ Date ____________________________

10. Commuting Distance
    - [ ] Local (Eau Claire Area)    - [ ] Outside Eau Claire but less than 50 miles
        - [ ] 50 miles or more
Please prepare an essay (typed, 3-4 pages total, double-spaced) addressing the following four questions:

1. Describe your reasons for pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at this point in your professional career.

2. What are your professional goals, including the role you plan to assume with a DNP degree? How will the DNP program help you to reach these goals?

3. Discuss your ability to be successful in a DNP program.

4. Address the question associated with your selected role preparation below:

For the Nurse Practitioner role preparation, answer the following as part of your essay:

Considering your role as an advanced practice nurse in primary care describe a nursing topic that interests you. The topic should pertain to a problem, issue, or area that is amenable to a quality improvement project by an advanced practice nurse. Describe how your interest in this topic will allow you to assume a leadership role as you develop a DNP project.

For the Nurse Executive answer the following as part of your essay:

Considering your role as an advanced professional nurse describe a nursing topic that interests you. The topic should pertain to a problem, issue, or area that is amenable to a quality improvement project by a nurse executive. Describe how your interest in this topic will allow you to assume a leadership role as you develop a DNP project.

Please include your name on the top of each page of your essay

Please remember to also submit a resume or curriculum vitae
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I agree to be contacted for additional reference information if needed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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** Note that Nurse Administration/Executive courses (852, 853) only offered every other year

Courses taught via hybrid with immersion days and online; classes generally Tuesday and/or Wednesday

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