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 30 credit MSN to DNP option/program plan for those with a MSN and role preparation as an NP, CNS, CRNA, or CNM and a 29 credit MSN-DNP nurse executive option/program plan for those with a 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 are part-time program plans for the post-master’s option, which are for two or three years. Courses are offered over the summer, fall, winterim, and spring terms, with a required summer start. The post-master’s options are comprised of 29-30 credits encompassing core courses, DNP seminars, and clinical practice credits, representing a total of 450 clinical hours. 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 will be accepted starting September 15, 2018 and the priority application due date is January 4, 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 by July 1 immediately following admission); 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 July 1st after being admitted to the MSN program. (Special consideration/exceptions may be obtained for applicants completing a BSN and licensure eligible.)

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,
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   Eau Claire WI 54702-4004:

The priority application due date for the DNP program is January 4, 2019. The Department of Nursing Graduate Curriculum and Admission Committee reviews completed applications after the priority date. 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.
1. Full Name: ___________________________________Telephone: ____________________
   [Please Print]

2. Home Street Address: _______________________________________________________
   City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________
   E-mail: ________________________

3. Option ☐ MSN to DNP for APN’s ☐ MSN to DNP for Nurse Executive

4. Registered Nurse Licensure
   ☐ Wisconsin, License number _______________
   OR ☐ U.S. Jurisdiction (State)____________________________License number ____________

   Note: Wisconsin License is required by July 1st following admission to the nursing program.

5. Advanced Practice Nursing Certification OR 550 Hours of Clinical Practicum
   ☐ Certification (indicate below); For NP, CNS, CRNA, CNM, national certification must be by a body approved
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   ☐ 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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   Other Graduate Course Work _____________________________________________

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Full Name: ____________________________________________

Population Focus of Master’s Degree
☐ Adult and/or Gerontologic Health Nursing
☐ Family Health Nursing
☐ Other __________________________________________________

Role Preparation at the Master’s Level
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☐ Adult and/or Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist
☐ Nurse Administrator
☐ Other __________________________________________________

7. Baccalaureate in Nursing Program Information

Date of Baccalaureate Degree __________________________________________

Name of Degree-Granting Institution ______________________________________

Location: ____________________________ City ____________________________ State

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:

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Location ____________________________ Date ______________________

10. Commuting Distance

☐ Local (Eau Claire Area) ☐ Outside Eau Claire but less than 50 miles
☐ 50 miles or more

11. Plan for completing the Post-Master’s DNP program:

☐ Two years
☐ Three years

(One year option is only considered on a space available basis: contact graduate program director, Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher, zwygarmc@uwec.edu to discuss this option)
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 interventions or activities 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:

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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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