NursingCAS Instructions for the University of Massachusetts Worcester

Applicants interested in University of Massachusetts Worcester's graduate programs should apply through NursingCAS. NursingCAS is the online, centralized application service for nursing programs. Visit www.nursingcas.org and click "Apply Here" to initiate your application. And then click on "Create Account" and complete the required fields in order to start your application.

NursingCAS fee is separate from UMass Graduate School of Nursing application fee, payment is made online on NursingCAS. If UMass Graduate School of Nursing is the only school you are applying to through NursingCAS then you will be charged $65.00. If UMass Graduate School of Nursing is not the first school you applied through NursingCAS then you will be charged $35.00. Access FAQs on payment here. Information to be sent directly to the University Of Massachusetts Worcester Graduate School Of Nursing are the Checklist, Notrized Proof of Residency and Application Fee made out to UMass Graduate School of Nursing in the amount of $60.00 for instate and $75.00 for Out of State. All documents can be found on the UMass Graduate School of Nursing web site www.umassmed.edu/gsn in the perspective student section.

Additionally, please review the information below carefully and we recommend that you review this information before you begin your application as well. **Although, some sections of the NursingCAS application are marked "optional" please follow the guidelines below for the University of Massachusetts Worcester requirements and note that your application will not be considered until ALL elements listed below as "University of Massachusetts Worcester NursingCAS Requirements" are completed and submitted**.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING APPLICATION STEPS:
Complete the NursingCAS Application and all the Graduate School of Nursing application requirements
ITEMS TO BE MAILED TO NURISNGCAS
All official transcripts must be mailed from the issuing institution's registrar's office directly to NursingCAS. In order to expedite the processing be sure to include the Transcript Request Form.   Mailing Address: NursingCAS   P.O. Box 9201   Watertown, MA 02471
APPLICANT INFORMATION SECTION Personal Information
Biographic Information (Required)
Contact Information (Required)
Citizenship Information (Required)
Race & Ethnicity (Required)
Other Information (Required information Language Proficiency, Academic Infraction, License Infraction, Additional Questions)
Family Information (Not Required)

ACADEMIC HISTORY
High School Attended (Required to answer transcripts not required)
Colleges Attended (Required)
Transcript Entry (Required for all programs with the exception of PhD programs and Post Master DNP all transcripts for ALL programs must be sent to NursingCAS) Any Student educated outside of the United States must have their transcripts evaluated by WES World Education Services.

Standardized Tests (GRE's are required for all Programs with the exception of Post Master's DNP and Post Master's Certificate)
    GRE's: Request scores be sent directly to UMass Worcester Graduate School of Nursing Institution Code 3936 Department Code 0610. Do not send scores to NursingCAS.
    TOEFL any applicant educated outside of the United States and has earned a degree in a country where English is not the primary language must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Diploma In Nursing (Required for all applicants except GEP Students)
REFERENCES See below requirements by program

Depending on which program you are applying to follow the guidelines below. And submit your required references via NursingCAS.

Graduate Entry Program to Master's in Nursing Science Population Health:
- 3 letters of recommendation from people with whom you have been in contact with in the last five years. 2 academic (from former faculty members) and 1 professional.

BSN or Bachelor's Degree with ADN or Diploma to Masters of Science in Nursing, Pre-Master's Program, Post Master's Certificate Programs:
- 3 letters of recommendation from people with whom you have been in contact with in the last five years. 1 academic (from a former faculty member), 1 professional, and 1 from a professional nurse who has been recently responsible for evaluating your professional nursing practice.

   Post- MSN DNP applicants: must submit 3 letters of recommendation from people with whom you have been in contact with in the last five years: A recent supervisor who can evaluate APN employment experience, An academic reference from someone who can speak to your potential for academic success, A Masters or Doctoral prepared nurse who can evaluate your leadership potential as an APN with a DNP

- **BSN to DNP applicants:** must submit 3 letters of recommendation from people with whom you have been in contact with in the last five years. 1 academic (former faculty members) and 2 professional (1 of the professional references must evaluate your leadership potential)

- **GEP to DNP applicants:** must submit 3 letters of recommendation from people with whom you have been in contact with in the last five years. 2 academic (former faculty members) and 1 professional reference that can evaluate your leadership potential.

PhD Programs:
- 2 letters of recommendation: both must be from doctorally prepared individuals who can evaluate your academic potential. One of

the two recommendations must be from a former faculty member, preferably your academic advisor. The letter of recommendation must be submitted directly to NursingCAS

- **BS to PhD applicants only:** All 3 references must be academic (one must be from your major advisor).

Achievements (Optional)
Experiences (do not enter work experience here upload Resume or CV in the document upload section)
Licensure and Certifications (Optional)
Release Statement (Required)

PROGRAM MATERIALS
Questions (Required except for any question listed as optional)

Documents (Required)

 CV/Resume: Upload updated Resume or CV (Required)

 Personal Statement: Upload Statement(s) (see requirements by program)

 Depending on which program you are applying to please respond to the following questions in this section. Note you must respond to ALL questions for the program you are applying to in ONE statement.

- **Graduate Entry Program Master's in Nursing Science Population Health: (500 Words)**
  How do you envision applying you Master's degree in Nursing with a concentration in Population Health in your career?
- **Masters of Science in Nursing, Pre-Master's Program, Post Master's Certificate Programs: (500 Words)**
  Why are you choosing to pursue a career as an advanced practice nurse in you chosen specialty (Adult Gerontological Acute Critical Care, Adult Gerontological Primary Care and Nurse Educator)?
- **DNP Programs: Post Masters, BS to DNP and GEP to DNP (1,000 Words)**
  a.) Your reasons, personal and/or professional, for pursuing a program of study to become an advanced practice nurse with a DNP.
     (this response should be 500 words)
  b.) Your career plans as an advanced practice nurse with a DNP after graduation and in the future. *(this response should be 500 words)*
- **PhD Programs: BSN to PhD, Master's PhD (not to exceed 5,000 Words)**
   Please respond carefully to the questions below.
   a.) Why are you pursuing doctoral study in nursing at this time?
   b.) What is nursing's professional responsibility to society? (If your background is from another profession please answer
      this from the perspective of that profession)
   c.) How do you intend to address this responsibility through your doctoral studies?

 Test Scores: (Required)

- Upload a copy of your GRE's

 Other: Not Required

 Prerequisites: (Required)

 You must identify the course(s) that fulfill the prerequisites listed by program.

HELPFUL TIPS
Monitor the Status of Your Application Frequently Be sure to View My Notifications frequently
Contact and Help Information for NursingCAS For questions regarding the NursingCAS application please contact NursingCAS support via phone at 617-612-2880 Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Eastern Time and Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Time and via email at nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org. Or post questions to NursingCAS by following their Twitter and/or Facebook accounts. Detailed instructions and FAQs are available too. Instructional videos are posted on the NursingCAS YouTube channel
Contact and Help Information for NursingCAS Contact Diane Brescia at diane.brescia@umassmed.edu