

NursingCAS Instructions for the University of Massachusetts Worcester revised 08/20/2019

Applicants interested in University of Massachusetts Worcester's graduate programs will 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. Access [FAQs](#) on payment here. Information to be sent directly to the University of Massachusetts Worcester Graduate School of Nursing are the Checklist, Notarized Proof of Residency and Application Fee made out to UMass Graduate School of Nursing in the amount of \$100.00. All documents can be found on the UMass Graduate School of Nursing web site www.umassmed.edu/gsn in the prospective 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: | |
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| 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 . | |
| 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 name of school attended transcripts not required) | |
| Colleges Attended (Required) | |

Transcript Entry (Required for GEP to AGRN, GEP to DNP, GEP to PhD, and BSN to AGRN, PGO to AGRN, BSN to DNP, PGO to DNP program applicants)

PGC (Post Graduate Certificate), PhD and MS to DNP applicants do not need to enter all transcripts but must submit all transcripts to Nursing CAS (this includes transcripts for any course applied towards a degree). All Students educated outside of the United States must have their transcripts evaluated by WES World Education Services. <https://www.wes.org/>

Standardized Tests (GRE's are required for all Programs with the exception of Post Master's DNP and Post Graduate Certificate)

GRE's: Request scores to be sent directly to UMass Worcester Graduate School of Nursing Institution Code 3947 Department Code 0610. Also upload a copy of your test 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). <http://www.ets.org/toefl>

REFERENCES SEE BELOW REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM

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

MS Degree in Nursing Program Advanced Generalist Registered Nurse (AGRN)

- **Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) to AGRN applicants:** must submit 3 letters of reference from people with whom you have been in contact within the last five years. These include 2 academic (former faculty members) and 1 professional reference that can evaluate your leadership potential.
- **BSN to AGRN & Pre-Graduate Option(PGO) applicants:** 3 letters of reference from people with whom you have been in contact within 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.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs

- **Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) to DNP applicants (all tracks):** must submit 3 letters of reference from people with whom you have been in contact within the last five years. These include 2 academic (former faculty members) and 1 professional reference that can evaluate your leadership potential.
- **BSN to DNP applicants & Pre-Graduate Option(PGO):** must submit 3 letters of reference from people with whom you have been in contact within the last five years. 1 academic (former faculty members) and 2 professional (1 of the professional references must evaluate your leadership potential)
- **Post- Masters to DNP applicants:** must submit 2 letters of reference from people with whom you have been in contact within the last five years: (1) A recent supervisor who can evaluate APN (Advanced Practice Nurse) or nurse administrator employment experience, (2) A professional reference from a Masters or Doctoral prepared nurse who can speak to your potential for academic success and can evaluate your leadership potential as an APN or nurse administrator with a DNP.

PhD Program

2 letters of reference: both must be from **doctorally prepared** individuals who can evaluate your academic potential.

One of the two references must be from a former faculty member, preferably your academic advisor.

The letters of reference must be submitted directly to NursingCAS

BS to PhD applicants only: Both references must be academic (one must be from your major advisor)

Post Graduate Certificate Programs:

- 3 letters of references from people with whom you have been in contact within 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.

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.

- **Master of Science Degree as an Advanced Generalist Registered Nurse (AGRN) Programs: GEP to AGRN, BS to AGRN, Pre-Graduate Option(PGO), (1,000 Words)**
 - a.) Your reasons, personal and/or professional, for pursuing a program of study to become a master's prepared Advanced Generalist Registered Nurse(AGRN) *(this response should be 500 words)*
 - b.) Your career plans as an Advanced Generalist Registered Nurse (AGRN) with a Master's Degree. *(this response should be 500 words)*
- **DNP Programs: GEP to DNP(Acute, Primary & Family track), BS to DNP, Pre-Graduate Option(PGO), and Post Masters to DNP, (1,000 Words)**
 - a.) Your reasons, personal and/or professional, for pursuing a program of study to become an advanced practice nurse or post MS APN or nurse administrator 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)*
- **DNP Program: GEP to DNP & BSN to DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Track (1,000 Words)**
 - a.) Your reasons, personal and/or professional, for pursuing a program of study to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. *(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: (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?

- **Post Graduate Certificate Programs: (500 Words) (Answer the question that applies to the Certificate Program you are applying to)**
 - Psychiatric Mental Health: Please address why you wish to pursue an additional scope of practice and what is it you hope to do with further education?
 - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care: Why are you choosing to pursue a career as an advanced practice nurse in your chosen specialty Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care?

Test Scores: (Required)

- Upload a copy of your GRE's to NursingCAS. <https://www.ets.org/gre>

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](#)

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Contact Diane Brescia at diane.brescia@umassmed.edu