

DNP Executive Leadership (ExL) and DNP Educational Leadership (EdL) Admission Requirements

Northwestern State University (NSU) of Louisiana is processing applications to its DNP ExL and Ed programs. Please visit [NursingCAS](#), the centralized application service for nursing and NSU's graduate school application portal [NSU Graduate School Application](#) to begin the application process. Please note that both applications must be completed to be considered for program selection.

When you visit [NursingCAS](#) go to the Add Program page to select our nursing program and complete the steps to fill out and submit your application. If you need help with NursingCAS, visit the [applicant help center](#) or [contact](#) applicant support with questions.

Admission requirements for the ExL and EdL programs include: 1) Completion of a Master of Science in Nursing degree from a nationally accredited university/college, 2) Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended, 3) GPA of 3.0 or better 4) Three letters of recommendation, 5) Completion of Immunization Compliance/Waiver form, 6) Completion of 1-2 Page Essay, 7) Curriculum Vitae, 8) Completion of the Emotional Intelligence Assessment.

Applicants must complete the Northwestern State University Graduate School application, and upload/submit all additional application materials (listed below) to the [NursingCAS](#) portal between February 15th to July 15th

- NSU DNP Program Application via the [NursingCAS](#) portal
- Transcripts from all Universities/Colleges attended uploaded into the [NursingCAS](#) portal
- Results from the completed Emotional Intelligence Assessment using approved questionnaire (<https://www.talentsmart.com/test/>)
- Three letters of recommendation using DNP recommendation forms. One recommendation must be from each (1) former faculty, (2) a person who can attest to applicant's clinical abilities, and (3) character reference
- Verification of an unencumbered, unrestricted RN *and/or* APRN license (if applicable)
- Verification of national certification as an APRN (if applicable)
- Curriculum vitae
- Completed one-to-two-page (maximum) paper describing the DNP degree, the role of the DNP (using the DNP Essentials), and how the applicant believes the DNP will benefit his/her career goals. The paper should be formatted according to the latest edition of APA and include references.

Once all required materials are submitted, the applicant will be called/emailed to schedule a personal interview with DNP admissions committee once these items are received. Interviews will take place annually in July and August.

** International students please note, you must have a minimum score of 500 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is a second language and meet all other University admission requirements for international students. You should contact NSU's International Student office prior to applying for the DNP program to ensure university admission.

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