



Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Nursing. We enrolled our first cohort of students in fall 2011 and hope that you will consider applying for admission.

Nurses with master's degrees with direct patient care specializations (advanced practice areas) and the indirect patient care specialization of nursing administration are eligible to apply for this program. Nurse Educator specialty graduates do not currently qualify for admission to the program.

On our website (<http://www.siu.edu/nursing/graduate/dnp/Forms.shtml>) you will find admission criteria and a program progression plan. This 33-36 credit-hour program will be offered primarily online, with required immersion experiences on campus, as well as required practice experiences at an approved agency (ideally at the agency at which you are currently employed). This part-time plan includes five semesters of study with completion of a final project. Because the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has mandated that DNP graduates complete at least 1,000 hours of practice post-baccalaureate as part of a supervised academic program, master's degree transcripts will be evaluated individually, with a maximum of 500 clinical hours from advanced practice specialization programs counting toward the total of 1,000 required hours. Deficit practice hours will be completed in the program as residency practicum hours.

Also available on our website is the "Application for Admission to the DNP Program" packet which includes the School of Nursing Post-Master's DNP Admission Application, a reference form (3 are required), and the Potential Project Proposal Form. **The deadline for applications is March 1 for the following fall admission. Upon acceptance, a non-refundable advance deposit fee of \$300 is required (applied toward future tuition). Please send all application materials to:**

School of Nursing
Tina Noto
Graduate Academic Advisor, PM-DNP Program
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Campus Box 1066, Alumni Hall, Room 2117
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1066

If you have any questions, or if we can provide any assistance as you complete your application, please contact me at (618) 650-3936 or Tina Noto, Graduate Academic Advisor at (618) 650-3930.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy M. Ketchum".

Kathy Ketchum, PhD, RN
Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs