

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
**EDWARDSVILLE**  
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science Degree Program in Nursing at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. We offer four specializations at the master's level: Family Nurse Practitioner, Health Care and Nursing Administration, Nurse Educator, and Nurse Anesthesia. We also offer Post-Master's Certificate programs in each of the specializations. This letter provides further information about the program and the application process.

Our Health Care and Nursing Administration and Nurse Educator programs are considered to be online programs. Students in these programs may have to make periodic campus visits, generally no more than once or twice a semester. There is one course (PAPA 420/412) that is held on campus and you may have to attend some sessions here at Edwardsville. Your clinical practicum experiences may be completed in a setting of your choosing with administrative approval. The Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Anesthesia programs use a combination of face-to-face and online learning techniques. The majority of the Family Nurse Practitioner courses can be completed at either our Edwardsville or our Springfield campus.

Two separate applications must be processed in order to enroll in the Graduate Program: a Classified (Degree-Seeking) Application to the SIUE Graduate School and an application to the SIUE School of Nursing. The Graduate School application must be completed first and can be found at [www.siu.edu/apply](http://www.siu.edu/apply) or by clicking on the "Apply Now" button on the SIUE homepage. You will be walked through the application with brief, easy questions. After you complete the Graduate School application, you will receive an email containing the School of Nursing materials within 24 to 48 hours. Submission instructions for the School of Nursing files will be included in that email. All application materials **MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED.**

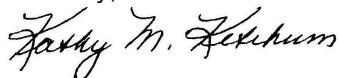
There is also an Unclassified Graduate Application which may be used to enroll in courses prior to official admission to the School of Nursing. However, we prefer that you contact the Graduate Advisor in the School of Nursing, 618-650-3930, before applying as an unclassified graduate student.

The deadline for applications to the Nurse Anesthesia Program is June 1 for admission to the program starting the following May. (For example, June 1, 2012 will be the deadline for admission to the class starting May 2013.) For all other specializations, the application deadline is March 1 for the programs starting in the following August. (For example, March 1, 2012 for program starting in August 2012.)

Applications will be reviewed after the deadline dates and you will receive a letter stating whether or not you have been accepted for an interview. After the interviews are complete, letters will be sent declaring whether or not you have been accepted as a graduate student. If you are admitted to the School of Nursing, you will be required to provide a completed physical exam/immunization form, proof of current unencumbered Illinois licensure as an RN (Nurse Anesthesia and Edwardsville Family Nurse Practitioner specializations require Missouri and Illinois licensure), evidence of current CPR certification, and other health requirements. (The required CPR certification may be obtained through completion of the American Heart Association "Health Care Provider" course or the American Red Cross "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" course.) You will also be required to have a background check and drug screen performed. You will receive specific details regarding this if you are admitted.

If you have any questions regarding the admission process or the admission requirements, please call Ms. Tina Noto, School of Nursing Graduate Advisor, at (618) 650-3930, or 1-800-234-4844, or e-mail her at [tnoto@siue.edu](mailto:tnoto@siue.edu). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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