

MSN-FNP

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Application to the University

The applicant must complete one application for admission to Campbellsville University. This application is available online at www.campbellsville.edu.

BSN Degree Completion

Completion of a BSN degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Official Transcripts

One Transcript from each school attended. Applicants must provide one official copy of all transcripts from each college or university that you have attended previously. Once you apply, you will receive a copy of our official transcript request form from your Enrollment Counselor. Please contact our online Enrollment team at 888-244-0609 or via email at online@campbellsville.edu

GPA Requirement

Cumulative collegiate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Registered Nurse License

Current unencumbered U.S. Registered Nurse (RN) license. A copy of a current, valid, unencumbered RN license, or listing on a state licensing board website must be submitted. All licenses will be verified before admission into the program and every semester as long as the student is in the program.

Patient Care Hours

Currently working as a registered nurse (RN) and have at least 2,000 patient care hours within the last two years. These patient care hours must be documented. Examples of documentation could be pay stubs or a letter from the candidate's employer/HR department. No volunteer or non-paid hours will count towards the 2,000 patient care hours.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Your CV should include:

- Educational background including institutions, degree(s) awarded, degree(s) in progress, dates of degree(s) awarded, and/or anticipated date of receiving degree(s)
- Relevant employment history, including:
 - Job title (including unit), job description, and relevant duties performed
 - Employment dates of each position
- Community service or volunteer experience
- Any awards, publications, presentations, and memberships
- Evidence of leadership and career progression

Professional Goals Essay

You must submit a 500-word essay discussing the following:

- Your career goals
- How your specific clinical experiences have prepared you for the Family Nurse Practitioner role
- Why Campbellsville University is the best fit for you and how the program will assist you in reaching your professional and educational goals

The applicant's essay will be assessed on the ability to exhibit scholarly graduate-level writing. Applicants scoring 6 or greater and meeting all other admission criteria will be granted acceptance into the MSN FNP Program.

Three Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required, and all must be completed within one year of the date of submission. Applicants will instruct the chosen individuals to complete and submit the standardized reference form. These forms may be obtained from the graduate enrollment counselor.

Completed forms may be scanned or returned electronically to clakins@campbellsville.edu

Mailed to:

Campbellsville University Graduate Enrollment
1 University Drive UPO 805
Campbellsville KY 42718

The following are acceptable individuals for the letters of reference:

- A current clinical supervisor, nurse, manager, or other health care provider who has direct knowledge of your skills in the clinical setting and how those skills will translate into the Family Nurse Practitioner role.
- A professor, faculty member, Dean of the School of Nursing, or academic advisor who can provide a meaningful assessment of your academic record. If you have been out of school for five years or more, a nurse educator or clinical instructor can provide the academic recommendation.
- A practicing clinical nurse professional or APRN who has served as a mentor and can address your abilities as a nurse and your potential to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Applicants scoring an average of 2.5 or greater on all professional letters of reference and meeting all other admission criteria will be granted acceptance into the MSN-FNP program.

Student Waiver for Letters of Recommendation

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendment's guarantee students access to their educational records. Students however are entitled to waive their rights to access concerning recommendations. The applicant must sign the waiver statement indicating their wishes regarding this recommendation.

Technical and Performance Standards

Upon admission, all students must verify in writing that they are able to meet technical and performance standards with or without accommodation. A copy of this document should be completed and returned with the other required admission documentation. The technical and performance standards are: **Observational:** Candidates must be able to observe demonstrations of physical and psychosocial nursing interventions. Candidates must be able to accurately assess the health status of patients. Observation and assessment of patients require the functional use of the senses of vision and hearing, as well as other sensory modalities. **Communicative:** The candidate must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written forms with patients and with members of the health care team. The foci of nursing communication are gathering assessment data, patient teaching and the provision of emotional support for patients and their families. **Motor:** Candidates must have sufficient motor function to elicit information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic maneuvers. Candidates must be able to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatments to patients. Such actions require moderate motor strength, coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision. **Intellectual:** Candidates must have the ability to measure, calculate, reason and analyze; they must be able to synthesize and apply complex information. Candidates must be fully alert and attentive and free of non-prescribed controlled substances at all times in clinical settings. **Behavioral/Social:** Candidates must possess a level of emotional health that allows full utilization of intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the nursing diagnosis and care of patients, and the development of mature, empathetic and effective nurse-patient relationships. Candidates must be able to function effectively under stress.

Adherence to the standards of acceptable conduct as outlined in the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and the Nurse Practice Act is required.

Background Check

All applicants will be required to complete a background check as the final step in the admissions process. Applicants will be admitted pending the successful completion of the background check. The background check must be completed after the admissions decision is made and will be repeated at the beginning of the 2nd year of instruction. Applicants with felony convictions will not be admitted. This will be submitted to an online depository.