Thank you for your interest!
At Boise State, we seek highly motivated nurses who are ready to assume leadership roles in complex clinical environments, health care policy arenas, and health care delivery systems. We are looking for students who are prepared to meet the rigorous academic expectations of a professional doctoral program and individuals who embrace a collaborative and self-directed educational approach.

About the Doctor of Nursing Practice
The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is the highest degree for nurses working with patients, teaching nursing practice, or leading health related organizations. The DNP prepares nurses to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes, and increases the supply of expert clinical nursing faculty.

At Boise State, the DNP curriculum consists of 40 credits in eight semesters (5-6 credits per semester, including summers) and requires the completion of a Scholarly Project.

Scholarly Project
Doctoral education in nursing practice is distinguished by the completion of a project that synthesizes the student’s work and uses evidence to improve either practice or patient outcomes. A Scholarly Project may involve assessment, evaluation, and/or analysis of data and could be a practice change initiative, a research utilization project, a grant application, or a program evaluation.

Executive Sessions
Each spring, students visit campus for 2-3 day executive sessions. The inaugural session is held during the second semester. Then, in their fourth semester, students present a Scholarly Project proposal and at the final session, during their final (eighth) semester, students present their Scholarly Projects.

Costs
Tuition for the DNP is $600 per credit hour (40 credits). Additional cost may include books, student fees, software and supplies. Lodging and transportation to and from spring campus sessions are the responsibility of the student.
Application Deadlines

The DNP program begins in August (fall semester) and applications are accepted December 1 through July 1 of each year. Applicants who apply and submit official transcripts by April 1 will be given priority consideration. Applications received after July 1 will be considered if space is available.

Application Requirements

- Boise State's DNP is available to nurses practicing in all states, except Georgia, Louisiana, North Dakota, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

- Admission to Boise State's Graduate College is required, but admission to the Graduate College does not guarantee admission to the DNP Program. Please direct any questions about the Graduate College application to gradcoll@boisestate.edu or 208-426-3903.

To be considered for admission, all applicants must meet following criteria:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited nursing program.
2. Possess a Master's Degree in Nursing from a CCNE or ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited School of Nursing, or a Master's Degree in a related field. Students who possess a Master's degree in a related field may be required to take additional graduate courses.
3. Possess a valid, unencumbered RN license issued by a state or territory of the United States.
4. 3.0 GPA in previous graduate program (based on a scale of 4.0).
5. 3.0 GPA in baccalaureate nursing program (based on a scale of 4.0).
6. English Proficiency (written & spoken) is mandatory.

Application Steps

1. Complete the online Boise State Graduate College application at http://graduatecollege.boisestate.edu/howtoapply/.

2. After you submit the application and pay the $65 Graduate College application fee ($95 USD for international applicants), click on the “Nursing” link in the left navigation menu. This will take you to the Application Requirements for Graduate Programs in Nursing screen where you will upload documents required for admission consideration.

   Under NURSING LICENSE, upload a copy of your active, unencumbered RN license issued by a state or territory of the United States.

3. Under RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE, upload a CV or Resume.

   Please include any applicable specialty certifications and information regarding your work experience as a registered nurse.
4. Under PERSONAL STATEMENT, upload a **Comprehensive Statement**. The Comprehensive Statement will be evaluated for the quality of both the content and writing style (i.e. grammar, punctuation, spelling, word use), must not exceed 500 words, and must:

   A. Discuss how your career and the nursing profession could be enhanced through two (2) of the eight (8) Essentials of Doctor of Nursing Practice Education established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Explain why you chose those two Essentials to discuss.

   B. Identify a significant population, organizational or system problem that requires a change. Explain why this change would achieve a more successful health outcome using evidence. This problem should be one that you could potentially use as the basis for your DNP Scholarly Project.

5. Under RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE, upload a **CV or Resume**. Please include any applicable specialty certifications and information regarding your work experience as a registered nurse.

6. Skip the sections, AGNP WRITTEN SURVEY, NURSE PRACTITIONER LICENSE and NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION. These sections are not required by DNP applicants.

7. Click on the RECOMMENDATIONS link (located in the left navigation menu under Important Links) to submit the names and contact information for three professional references.

   After you submit this information, your references will be emailed by Boise State and asked to complete an evaluation form. References should be nursing faculty members, professional healthcare colleagues, or work supervisors who can evaluate your potential for success in a graduate program. If your references experience any technical difficulty submitting the evaluation form, have them contact us.

8. Submit the School of Nursing application processing fee ($20) via the [TouchNet Payment Store](#).

9. Arrange for official transcripts to be sent to Boise State.

**How to Submit Official Transcripts**

Official transcripts must be received before your application can be reviewed by the School of Nursing. Therefore, at your earliest convenience, please request official transcripts from each educational institution you have attended beyond high school. The registrar’s office at these schools can send transcript(s) to Boise State by mail or electronically via an approved transcript service provider.

**NOTE:** If you have previously attended or received a degree from Boise State, you do not need to submit Boise State transcripts or any additional transcripts from other institutions attended after you received your degree.

**MAIL**

Institution may send official transcripts to:

Graduate Admission and Degree Services  
Room 307, Riverfront Hall  
Boise State University  
1910 University Drive  
Boise, ID 83725-1110
ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS
Official transcripts may be submitted as a secure PDF through an approved transcript services provider to gradcoll@boisestate.edu. Approved Transcript Services include:

- Credentials eScript-Safe (formerly known as Script-Safe International)
- Credential Solutions TranscriptsNetwork and TranscriptsPlus
- National Student Clearinghouse Parchment Exchange (formerly known as Docufide and Avow Systems)

Application Fees

| Boise State Graduate College Application Fee       | $65.00 |
| School of Nursing DNP Application Fee             | $20.00 |

Interviews
Applicants to the DNP program are interviewed by the admission committee after all application materials are received and reviewed. The School of Nursing will contact you to arrange a telephone interview.

How to Monitor your Application
The DNP program will communicate with you about your application status and admission decision. To facilitate timely communication, please contact the School of Nursing immediately if your address, phone number, or email address change.

Please remember, admission to Boise State’s Graduate College is required, but admission to the Graduate College does not guarantee admission to the DNP Program.

At any stage during the application process, you can also log in to your Graduation College application account and check the status of your application to confirm that official transcripts have been received, that all supporting documents have been uploaded, and verify that your references have submitted an evaluation form.

PLEASE NOTE: Missing documentation or information will delay the review of your application.

Financial Aid

Questions? Contact Us!

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