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 Process Options**

There are two ways to complete the application process. You can Direct Apply to Boise State or you can create an account with NursingCAS, a centralized application service that provides you with the ability to have the application information you submit sent to multiple schools.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is an additional fee to use NursingCAS. The fee varies based on how many schools you are applying to.

**NursingCAS Instructions**

1. Complete the Boise State Graduate College Application and submit the $65 fee. Do not upload supporting documents since they will be submitted via NursingCAS.

2. Log in to (or create) a NursingCAS account and enter all required profile information.

   Detailed instructions on using NursingCAS are available online at http://help.unicas.com:8888/nursingcasHelpPages/ and via online instructions videos at https://www.youtube.com/user/nursingcas.

3. Arrange for official transcripts to be sent to NursingCAS. There is a Transcript Request Form located in the Secondary (High) School & Colleges Attended section of NursingCAS. Reminder: If using NursingCAS, you do NOT need to send transcripts to Boise State. NursingCAS will send them to us once the Verification Process is complete.

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4. In the NursingCAS Coursework section, carefully enter ALL of your college level coursework, including any coursework currently in progress. We suggest having a copy of your transcript(s) available when completing this section.

5. Create a Comprehensive Statement in the NursingCAS Personal Statement section. Save it as “BSU DNP Comprehensive Statement.” Then, attach your saved document to Boise State in the NursingCAS Program Materials section.

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.

6. In the NursingCAS Licensure section, input your RN Licensure data, any applicable specialty certifications and information regarding your work experience as a registered nurse. Uploading a resume or CV is strongly encouraged.

7. Go to the NursingCAS Reference section and enter the name, title, occupation, and email address for three references. Your references should be nursing faculty members, professional healthcare colleagues, or work supervisors who can evaluate your potential for success in a doctoral program. Recommendations from family, friends, other students, or co-workers are NOT appropriate.

NursingCAS will generate an email to each reference that will include a link to the Evaluator Portal, a user name and password.

8. Submit the NursingCAS fee ($35-$65). The NursingCAS Fee is $65 if Boise State is the first school you are applying to via NursingCAS. If you have already applied to other schools, the fee to have your information sent to Boise State is $35.

9. Submit the DNP Application Fee ($20). To submit payment, click this link and select “School of Nursing – DNP Application Fee.”

### Application Fees

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**NursingCAS Verification Process (please review)**

Before your application is released to Boise State for review by the DNP admission committee, your application will go through a Verification Procedure by NursingCAS to confirm that all courses entered in the *Coursework* section of NursingCAS match the information from your official transcripts and to calculate your GPA. This process cannot occur until NursingCAS receives all of your official transcripts.

There is a video explaining this process at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rQj5exh9qM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rQj5exh9qM).

1. Verifier checks that the applicant has submitted transcripts from all institutions attended. If a transcript is missing, or you did not report attending an institution, you will be notified and your application will not be verified until the additional official transcript(s) is received.

2. Upon confirmation that all official transcripts are received, the verifier will systematically check to see that each course, semester, credits, grades, etc. listed by the applicant in the *Coursework* section matches the information on the official transcript.

3. If the verifier finds that the applicant has listed course information incorrectly, they can generally update and save the needed modification or correction.

4. In cases where the verifier cannot make the needed corrections, you will be notified to make the necessary modification or update. After making the requested change or modification, you will need to e-submit your application to NursingCAS. No additional charge will be assessed.

5. Once the verifier has confirmed that all sections courses, subjects, credits and grades have been recorded properly, the verifier will sign off on the application and a GPA will be rendered and sent to NursingCAS and to Boise State.

**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 Status**

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

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.

Once you have submitted your DNP Application via NursingCAS and submitted the NursingCAS payment, you will be able to use the *Quick Status Menu* in NursingCAS to verify receipt of your Transcript(s), Reference(s), or NursingCAS Payment.

Messages from NursingCAS will be posted in the *My Messages* section and sent to the email used when you created your NursingCAS account.

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

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Financial Aid

Questions? Contact Us!

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