Graduate Program Entry Nursing Students (GEPN) Applicants

Applying to the:
GEPN to Master of Science (MS) Pathway for Specialty Tracks of
Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Public Health Nursing

Application Instructions for Fall 2015 Admission

What are the requirements for admission?

1. **Education**: Non-nursing Baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university earned by July 15, 2015.
   - Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale

2. **Pre-Requisite Courses**: Two semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology with lab, One semester of General Microbiology lecture course, and One Semester of an Introduction to Research course. Applicants must have earned a “C” or better and have taken these courses within the past seven (7) years of the GEPN pre-licensure start year. Pre-requisites must be completed by July 15, 2015.

3. **English Language Proficiency**: If an applicant’s native language is not English or has not obtained a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an English speaking college, then the applicant must submit official Test of English a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

4. **Licensure**: By the end of the first semester of the master’s advanced coursework, GEPN students must submit evidence of having passed the NCLEX-RN exam and have an active RN license in the state or jurisdiction of practice.

Application Material Requirements:

a. UH Office of Graduate Education application and fee ([https://apply.hawaii.edu](https://apply.hawaii.edu))
   - Select “MS Nursing” as the Planned Course of Study.

b. NursingCAS 3.0 application and fee ([http://www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org))

c. Resume/CV ([upload to NursingCAS 3.0 Professional Experience section](http://www.nursingcas.org)). Please include any health-related experience and/or volunteer experience in your Resume/CV.
d. Two (2) references using the NursingCAS reference form and upload in Document section.

The NCAS uses a form that is limited in the assessment of an applicant’s qualities. Therefore, in order to better ascertain an applicant’s qualities, a written letter of recommendation is required from the persons submitting information on the NCAS form. It must be on official letterhead and signed by the recommender. It also needs to be uploaded into NursingCAS.

e. Essay:

Requirements for the Essay:
Topic: “How do you see yourself in your advanced practice nursing role contributing to the redesign of healthcare from the disease model to a health promotion model as envisioned in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act?” Specifically address the following: A) Outline a significant issue or challenge; and B) Discuss one strategy for addressing the issue or challenge.

Format/Criteria: The essay must demonstrate writing abilities and familiarity/critical assessment of the topic. The paper will be evaluated in terms of clarity, completeness, depth of discussion, use of evidence, and format (including such elements as style, neatness, grammar and spelling).

1. 500 words maximum, double spaced, typed, 1” margins and an 11-12 point font (Arial or Times New Roman).
2. Use a consistent formatting style. The departmental standard is APA format.
3. Include a title page and sequentially number all pages beginning with the title page. The title page and the reference page are not included in the 500 word limit.
4. Papers exceeding the 500 word limit will not be reviewed.

Submission: Upload the essay to NursingCAS 3.0.

f. One YouTube video (Please read below for instructions on uploading your YouTube video into the Gmail account).

YouTube Video Guidelines

Each applicant will submit a 3 to 5 minute YouTube video answering the following set of questions.
GEPN Pre-Licensure Year YouTube Video Questions

1) Why do you want to become a nurse?
2) What is the graduate specialty track that you have selected? Why have you chosen it and what have you done to research this role?
3) Describe the differences between the nursing model and the medical model. Discuss why nurses practice “nursing” rather than “medicine.”
4) Describe what you have done and will do to prepare for the rigors associated with this accelerated program.

A minimum three minutes of the video must be “facetime”, meaning we must be able to see your face. The remaining two minutes may continue as facetime or you may use it to showcase your creativity, talent, critical thinking skills, and knowledge congruent with the nursing profession. Please note that creativity of your video is not required and will not impact the selection process. This does, however, allow you to express yourself in a creative manner.

Creating and Uploading the Video

Please refer to the following YouTube video as an example on how to create and upload your video. Please note that the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Nursing did not create this video nor do we endorse it. 

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZvBuqRxaPs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZvBuqRxaPs)

IMPORTANT: When naming your YouTube video, please use the following format:

Last name Firstname, Specialtytrack, GEPNapp, 2015

Example: Doe John, AGCNS, GEPNapp, 2015

Specialty track key:
AGCNS – Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
APHN – Advanced Public Health Nursing

Instructions for uploading and sharing your video:

1) Create a YouTube account.
2) Click the Upload button to upload the video. Use naming guidelines above.
3) Under privacy setting, select “unlisted.” Your video must remain unlisted during the
selections process.

4) Press Save

5) Go to your email, copy and paste the YouTube video link into a new message.

6) On the subject line insert: Last name Firstname, Specialtytrack, GEPNapp, 2015

7) Send the email to uhgepn@gmail.com.

** Please note you are applying for entry into a professional graduate nursing program, the content of the YouTube video should be developed in a manner appropriate to the profession and your career goals.