Graduate Program Entry Nursing Students (GEPN) Applicants

Applying to the:
GEPN to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Pathway

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 PhD Program, 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 “PhD 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). 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. Statement of Research Objectives (upload to NursingCAS 3.0 Document section).

Format/Criteria: The PhD dissertation research is intended to be a learning experience that results in adding to the empirical knowledge of the focus area. In 500 words or less, describe your intended area of research, the problem, significance of the problem in the population/healthcare, and your intended plan for conducting research in your chosen area of research.

f. Exemplar of Academic Writing (upload to NursingCAS 3.0 Document section).

Examples of Writing: The exemplar of applicants’ academic writing may represent a descriptive, review or published paper demonstrating writing abilities, integrative and analytic thinking and abilities to synthesize evidence from literature.

Format/Criteria: The exemplar of academic writing 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).

g. TWO YouTube videos (Please read below for instructions on uploading your YouTube video into the Gmail accounts).

- One video will answer the questions for admission into the GEPN pre-licensure year
- Second video will answer the questions for admission into the PhD program.
YouTube Video Guidelines

Each applicant will submit two 3 to 5 minute YouTube videos answering two different sets of questions. The first set of questions is specific to the GEPN pre-licensure year and the second set of questions is specific to the PhD Program. These questions follow under their respective headings.

**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.

**PhD YouTube Video Questions**

1) Why do you want to obtain a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Degree?
2) Briefly describe your area of research interest and its importance to healthcare and/or the profession of nursing.
3) How have your previous experiences prepared you for the PhD program?
4) What preparations have you made to successfully complete your PhD coursework and dissertation?

A minimum three minutes of each of the videos 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
IMPORTANT: When naming your YouTube video, please use the following format (different for each video):

**GEPN Pre-Licensure Year YouTube Video**

Last name Firstname, PhD, GEPNapp, 2015

*Example: Doe John, PhD, GEPNapp, 2015*

**PhD YouTube Video**

Last name, Firstname, PhD, GEPNapp, 2015, PhD

*Example: Doe John, PhD, GEPNapp, 2015, PhD*

Instructions for uploading and sharing your video:

1) Create a YouTube account.
2) Click the Upload button to upload the video(s). 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(s) into a new message.
6) If submitting two videos, indicate the program for which the video is intended.
7) On the subject line insert: **Last name Firstname, PhD, GEPNapp, 2015**
8) Send the email to both uhgepn@gmail.com and uhnursphd@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.