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Minimum admission requirements for the DNP program are established by the DNP Council of the Cizik School of Nursing. Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis according to admissions criteria.

**Criteria for Admission:**

One official copy of transcripts from each institution attended. If attended any school within The Cizik School of Nursing, it is not necessary to request a transcript. Electronic submission is preferred. Transcript(s) should include:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from a nationally accredited program.
- A master's degree or post-masters certificate as an advanced practice nurse (clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, or nurse anesthetist), nursing leadership/administration, or nurse informatics or equivalent from a nationally accredited program with a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- A completed graduate level nursing research course or equivalent within the last 5 years with a grade of B or higher.
- Three (3) letters of reference attesting to the applicant's academic ability and potential for doctoral study (include one reference from a professional colleague and one from a faculty member).
- If international applicant, one official copy of TOEFL score. TOEFL scores cannot be more than two (2) years old; a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam; or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.
- If applicant is an international student, a course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) of individuals with degrees from outside the United States.

- Eligibility or evidence of an unencumbered current Registered Nurse Licensure to practice in Texas.
- Eligibility or approval to practice as an advanced practice nurse by the Texas Board of Nursing for those candidates who are advanced practice nurses.
- Current certification by a nationally recognized credentialing organization in the advanced practice role for those candidates who are advanced practice nurses.
- Documentation of a minimum of one (1) year work experience in the advanced practice role or advanced nursing leadership/administration for the nurse executive option.
- A 500-word typed statement of area of practice interest, career goals, and reasons for desiring doctoral study.
- A curriculum vitae that documents practice experience, professional activities, and presentations/publications.