TITLE: GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

POLICY: The Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) acts as the admissions committee for the graduate program (MN and DNP applicants). Faculty volunteers may be solicited. A final list of applicants is recommended to the Associate Dean for Graduate Education. The Associate Dean recommends applicants for admission to the Dean of The Graduate School. The Dean of The Graduate School admits students into the college’s graduate program. A maximum number of admissions will be determined annually by the Dean and Associated Dean based on resources.

Requirements for admission to the graduate program: Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.

1. A baccalaureate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited upper division program which included supervised clinical practice in a variety of nursing settings, including community/public health and management.
2. Successful completion of undergraduate courses in physical assessment, community/public health, research, statistics, and an undergraduate psych/mental health course for DNP (Psych/Mental Health).
3. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse. If clinical education experiences are to be completed in Montana, licensure in Montana is required.
4. Favorable recommendation from the College of Nursing admissions committee.
5. TOEFL score of 580 or computer equivalent, if applicable.

Clinical Experience Preferred
In general, one year of clinical experience is preferred for the DNP (Family/Individual and Psych/Mental Health). There are no clinical experience preferences restrictions for the MN degree (Clinical Nurse Leader).

Evaluation materials used by committee to score each applicant: Pre-application (includes essays in space provided) Application to The Graduate School Cumulative Undergraduate Grade Point Average calculation Grade Point Average for Final Two Years Undergraduate Work calculation Three reference letters (on standard form) Official transcripts Two faculty interviews

RATIONALE: Guidelines for evaluating applicants for the graduate program assures consistency in the process.

Reviewed & Approved by:
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Level II: Associate Dean for Graduate Education (April, 2013, April 2018)