

**Hampton University School of Nursing
Department of Graduate Nursing Education
Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Nursing**

Admission Requirements

Regular Admission

Students seeking admission to the Doctor of Philosophy program are subject to the rules and regulations applied by the Graduate College. Admission to the doctoral program is open to all qualified applicants who meet the requirements as stated in the Graduate Catalog. Potential students are encouraged to consult the [Graduate Catalog](#) prior to applying for admission.

In addition, admission to the doctoral program requires:

1. A master's degree in nursing from an accredited program.
2. A graduate record Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Completed application to the Graduate College.
4. A personal statement that delineates the applicant's: 1) rationale for selecting Hampton University School of Nursing's doctoral program, 2) description of goals and aspirations, 3) expectations of doctoral study, 4) previous research and scholarship, and 5) current research interest that could lead to the development of a dissertation. The statement should be between 3 and 5 typed pages, double spaced, and in a 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font.
5. A current curriculum vita that includes sections on Education, Research and Scholarly Activity, and Service.
6. A current valid license to practice professional nursing in any state at the time of admission.
7. A personal interview (at the student's expense) with a faculty member who teaches in the doctoral program.
8. Three (3) letters of recommendation from professionals familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications are required. Letters should be on professional letterhead and address the applicant's qualifications. Recommendations must come from professionals, such as, the applicant's most recent employer, a previous nursing professor, supervisors and/or nurse managers. The professional providing the reference must also complete Parts II & III of the recommendation.
9. Approval of the Graduate Admissions, Scholarships and Standards Committee of the School of Nursing.
10. Complete applications for admission must be received by the deadline of January 15th for fall admission.
11. The entire application package including the application form, transcripts, and letters of recommendation must be sent to:
Graduate College, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia 23668

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION

PART 1 - Applicant Information (to be completed by the applicant)

NAME OF THE APPLICANT _____

PROGRAM DESIRED _____

NAME OF PERSON PROVIDING THE RECOMMENDATION _____

I, the applicant, do / do not waive my right to access to this letter of recommendations as conferred by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Applicant's Signature
(Signature must be present before the recommendation is solicited)

The professional that is providing the recommendation for the applicant must complete the applicant's Performance Rating and Letter of Recommendation. All three parts, Part I, Part II and Part III must be completed. Please mail the completed document attached to the letter of recommendation directly to the Graduate College, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia 23668

PART II – Performance Rating

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students/employees who you have known in recent years. Place a check mark in the appropriate boxes below.

Characteristic	No Basis to Judge	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Scholarly/Academic Performance					
Ability to Work Independently					
Oral Communication					
Written Communication					
Research Ability					
Analytical Skills					
Creative/Innovative Qualities					
Commitment to Profession					
Motivation					
Integrity					
Self-discipline					
Leadership Ability/Potential					
Initiative					

PART III – Letter of Recommendation (please attach the letter to this form)

Please address a typed letter to the Graduate Admissions Committee on your professional letterhead that includes your assessment of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and aptitude for advanced study. Indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Do not hesitate to supply any other information you think is pertinent to this application.