

All programs in the School of Nursing and Health Professions are delivered using a blend of periodic immersion sessions at the Irvine campus and internships or clinical practice in hospitals, clinics, health centers near your home or work.

## Application Requirements and Admission Procedure

A prospective student must submit a **complete** application, which includes all requirements listed in the Application Requirement Checklist below. Please be aware that because of the changes in the health care system, certain nursing roles are in great demand and admission is highly competitive. Therefore, the application packet, **including completed applications, transcripts, GRE Analytical writing score, references and all other admission requirements** must be received no later than the posted deadline for priority review (see the posted deadlines at [www.brandman.edu/nursing/admission/deadlines.asp](http://www.brandman.edu/nursing/admission/deadlines.asp)). Applications that are late will be reviewed only if there is space available after the admission process (including interviews and review) has been completed. Late applications that are not reviewed will be processed for the next application cycle.

### Program Eligibility

To be considered for admission for the Post-Master's to DNP students must meet the following criteria when applying to the program:

- Master Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution.
- Unencumbered Registered Nurse license.
- Advanced Practice RN License.
- Certification as Advanced Practice Nurse.

To be considered for admission for the BSN to DNP program, students must meet the following criteria when applying to the program:

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution.
- A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in all prior college-level coursework.
- Unencumbered Registered Nurse license.

## Application Packet Requirement Checklist

- Complete and submit the Brandman University Graduate application. Apply online at [www.brandman.edu/apply](http://www.brandman.edu/apply) (\$50 application fee is waived if applying online).
- Submit a \$50 application fee with application (fee waived if applying online).
- Complete and submit the Supplemental Nursing Application.
- Submit official transcripts from each college and university attended. Obtain a Transcript Request form at <http://www.brandman.edu/PDF/transcriptRequest.pdf>. Have transcripts mailed (**do not fax transcripts**) to:  

Brandman University  
Office of Admission  
16355 Laguna Canyon Road  
Irvine, CA 92618
- Submit a current and detailed resume **or** curriculum vita.
- GRE Score (Graduate Record Examination) - **Analytical Writing Score** from the General Test. Request that scores be sent electronically to Brandman University. See web site: <http://www.ets.org/gre>. **Only required for the BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree applicants.**
- Complete the Self Evaluation and Goal Statement. Download these forms at: <https://www.brandman.edu/admission/applicationsPDF.asp>
- Three references are required.** Download the reference forms at: <https://www.brandman.edu/admission/applicationsPDF.asp> .
  - a) Fill in your name and address in the space provided.
  - b) Fill in the program to which you are applying to.
  - c) Give a copy of the Reference Form to each individual who has agreed to serve as a reference for you.
  - d) Ask your reference to fax or mail the completed reference to Brandman University (use addresses in the Admission Procedure section above).
  - e) Appropriate References include the following:
    1. Your most recent employer/supervisor,
    2. A professor who can assess your clinical performance and judgment in the area in which you wish to study (only use this reference source if you have graduated from a nursing program within the last five years),
    3. A professional person (not a relative) such as a Professional Nurse or Advanced Practice Nursing colleague who is well acquainted with your professional practice and academic achievement.

## REQUIRED BY START OF THE FIRST NURSING CORE COURSE

- Submit copies of the following Immunization and Health Documents:
  - Proof of completion of **Hepatitis A and B immunization or titer.**
  - Proof of two doses of **MMR or appropriate titer.**
  - Proof of **Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td or DTap)** immunization within the past 10 years.
  - Proof of **Chicken Pox (Varicella)** immunity by titer. If titer is negative, a series of two vaccinations (at least 8 weeks apart) is required.
  - Proof of a **negative TB Skin Test** that will be current at the beginning of the time of acceptance. Follow-up treatment is required if the TB Skin Test is positive. Documentation of BCG does not mean you do not have to meet this requirement. BCG does not give a true positive TB test and therefore does prevent you from being required to demonstrate a negative TB skin test or proof of treatment for latent TB infection. Treatment must be initiated prior to enrollment in any clinical course. A TB Skin Test (or evidence of follow-up treatment) is **required every 12 months while** students are participating in clinical courses.
  - **Proof of negative drug screen.** Applicants will be notified about the procedure for the drug screen. Due to changes in contracts with clinical agencies this requirement may need to be repeated annually.
  - Up to date Flu immunization before starting clinical.
  - Additional laboratory tests/and or immunizations, or documentation may be required for clinical courses by certain health care agencies.
- Submit a copy of active RN license in the State where you practice. All applicants must apply for a CA license even if they plan to do their clinical in another State. A copy of your CA RN license (may be a temporary license) must be submitted before starting classes.
- Submit a copy of active **Advanced Practice License.** [required for Post-Master's entry only]
- Certification as an Advanced Practice Nurse. (or eligible to take National Certification Exam) [required for Post-Master's entry only]
- Copy of current **CPR "Level C" Certification** (Health Care Provider) that will not be expiring in the next 12 months.
- Fingerprint Clearance Card** You may submit Clearance Card submitted to the CA BRN for licensure:
  - Submit a copy of your card. The student is responsible for retaining the original card to show to agencies upon request
  - **Restricted fingerprint** card requires a petition submitted to the Brandman University to be considered for admission.
  - Out-of-state applicants: please submit similar verification of clearance of a fingerprint / background check
- International students: Refer to the Brandman University Graduate application Admission Instructions, under Foreign Transcripts section for additional requirements.