

**Hampton University School of Nursing
Department of Graduate Nursing Education
Master of Science Degree in Nursing**

Admission Requirements

Regular Admission

Students seeking admission to the Master of Science in nursing program are subject to the rules and regulations applied by the Graduate College. Admission to graduate study in nursing at Hampton University 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 master's program requires:

1. A Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited program in Nursing.
2. An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 overall and 2.7 in nursing on a 4.0 scale.
3. Acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), with a verbal score of at least 450 or an Analytical Writing Assessment score of at least 4.0.
4. Completed application to the Graduate College.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professionals familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications. Letters should be on professional letterhead and address the nature of the professional's knowledge of the applicant. Letters should 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.
6. A personal statement that delineates the applicant's: 1) rationale for selecting Hampton University School of Nursing's master's program, 2) description of goals and aspirations, 3) how the applicant expects to benefit from master's level study, and, 4) previous research and scholarship and current research interest. The essay should be 3 to 5 typed pages, double spaced, 12-point font and either Times New Roman or Arial font.
7. Graduate nursing students participating in clinical experiences must hold and maintain a valid license to practice as a registered nurse in the state/jurisdiction in which they will participate in clinical experiences.
8. An undergraduate course in statistics and an undergraduate course in physical assessment.
9. One year of clinical experience beyond the baccalaureate degree prior to clinical courses.
10. A current resume that includes sections on Education, Research and Scholarly Activity, and Service.
11. A personal interview (at the student's expense) with a faculty member who teaches in the Master of Science degree program in the School of Nursing.
12. Approval of the Graduate Admissions, Scholarships and Standards Committee of the School of Nursing.
13. The entire application package including the application form, transcripts, GRE scores, 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.