Minimum Admission Requirements:

☐ Have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.25 from an AACN or NLN accredited master’s degree program in one of the following roles:

  • Advanced practice roles:
    ☐ - Nurse Practitioner
    ☐ - Clinical Nurse Specialist
    ☐ - Nurse Midwife
    ☐ - Nurse Anesthetist

The DNP admissions process requires a date-specific formal interview. Candidates to be interviewed will be selected on the basis of the complete application portfolio.

Send completed application to:

University of Southern Maine
Office of Graduate Admissions
PO Box 9300
Portland, ME 04104-9300

Application Deadline: May 15 for fall admission

A complete application consists of:

☐ - Submitted online application:  http://usm.maine.edu/apply

☐ - Application fee of $65.00 made payable to USM

☐ - Copy of unencumbered current RN licensure

☐ - Copy of current national certification in one of the advanced practice specialties (see above)

☐ - Completed verification of post baccalaureate clinical and practice hours form

☐ - One set of official transcripts from all college or universities attended

☐ - Three letters of recommendations:  Names are submitted as part of the online application form.  
  (at least one should be an academic recommendation)

☐ - Essay (refer to DNP admission instructions section)

☐ - Current resume

☐ - TOEFL scores if applicable

☐ - Certification of finances (international students only)

Please note: If you graduated from a UMS Advanced Practice Nursing program in the past two years, with a 3.5 or higher GPA, you only need to complete the first five items on the checklist above and include one faculty letter of recommendation.

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