BYU College of Nursing
Graduate program
Admission Criteria

Minimum criteria that must be met to be considered for acceptance into the graduate program include:

- Accepted to the by the Graduate School of the University.
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a school with national nursing professional accreditation (e.g. CCNE, ACEN, CNEA).
- Current R.N. licensure in Utah in good standing.
- Completion of a basic undergraduate statistics course.
- Completion of a college level pathophysiology course.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 or better. The GPA will be calculated using the cumulative GPA the applicant’s undergraduate program.
- Three letters of recommendation from employers and former teachers. (Preference is given to current employers).
- Statement of applicant’s purposes and goals for graduate education.
- A personal interview.
- Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). All scores (Verbal, Quantitative, and Writing) must be submitted to the University before the Dec 1st deadline. Test scores usually take 2-3 weeks to be processed and submitted.
- Completion of an impromptu writing experience.
- A minimum of one year of experience as an RN by the time the applicant begins the program.

Acceptance into the graduate Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Program is highly competitive and with a limited number of openings each year. Approximately 15 students are admitted each year. All students who meet the minimum requirements will be considered but due to limited enrollment acceptance is not guaranteed.

Applicants are evaluated on a variety of criteria using a point system that measures the level of performance on criteria such as GPA, GRE, letters of recommendation, preparation for undertaking graduate studies, interview, and the impromptu writing experience. Also, the professional judgment of the admissions committee will be used in selecting the candidates to be accepted into the Family Nurse Practitioner Program.