

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

Dear Candidate for the MSN Program:

As you prepare for admission to the program, please be aware that admission is a two-step process. You first need to complete the on-line **Graduate Admission Application** located on the School of Graduate Studies website and linked from the School of Nursing Graduate program website. In addition, all your application materials need to be sent or uploaded directly to the School of Graduate Studies. When your application materials have all been received by School of Graduate Studies Admissions Office, they will notify the Graduate Coordinator in Nursing Dr. Andrea Adimando that your application is complete. If you are eligible for admission, your file will be reviewed by the Graduate Program Admissions Committee.

It is recommended that prior to your application, you shadow/observe a master's-prepared nurse in the field to which you are applying. For example, for FNP applicants, shadowing an FNP will help you to learn about the role. If you are interested in being a Nurse Educator or a Clinical Nurse Leader, please be sure that you are knowledgeable about the expectations of these roles as well. This will help you to prepare for the essay and ensure you are selecting the track that is the best fit for you professionally and personally.

I: Admission to the University

_____Application completed online

_____Application fee paid

_____Official transcripts from all schools attended since high school uploaded or sent

II: Admission to the Department of Nursing

_____Will have completed a BSN or MSN program prior to the start term for which you are applying

_____Essay (Use required form, available on website)

_____Two letters of reference from professional and/or academic source(s). These will be sent directly to your recommenders once you provide their email addresses within your application. Please ask them to use official letterhead when completing their letters.

_____Submit a copy of your CURRENT nursing license

Please send/upload all required information to the SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES as described on the application website

Any questions about the admissions process should be directed to the School of Graduate Studies admission's office or to Nursinginfo@SouthernCT.edu