The Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions is excited to introduce a new Top 5% Direct Admission Option leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice with either a Family Nurse Practitioner or Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practitioner concentration. The Direct Admit, 4 + 3 Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice option will provide a student the opportunity to complete the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree over a seven year period through guaranteed admissions to both the BSN and DNP Programs.

This curriculum is an intense 7-year course of study for the advanced undergraduate student who is ultimately interested in a Doctor of Nursing Practice terminal degree with a clinical focus as a Family Nurse Practitioner or Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The successful undergraduate student will qualify to enter this program upon admission to the University with specific criteria (Phase I). The student will need to maintain and meet additional requirements throughout their four years of undergraduate pre-licensure nursing coursework and successfully pass the NCLEX-RN examination on their first attempt in order to be accepted into the DNP Program (Phase II).

At successful completion of the 4 year Bachelor of Nursing Science curriculum, the student will be qualified to sit for their NCLEX-RN examination and complete registered nurse application process. At the successful conclusion of the 3-year full-time DNP curriculum, the student will be awarded a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, be qualified to sit for their national nurse practitioner examination, and to seek recognition as a family nurse or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner by their state board of nursing. Please note that accepted undergraduate students will be expected to meet with their Academic Advisor & DNP Program representative at least twice a semester for academic support services. Admission in Fall Semester Only.

Please see Phase I Requirements and Phase II Qualifications below:

**Phase I Requirements:**

- Top 5% of High School Graduating Class or combined math/verbal SAT of 1140 (520 or higher on each section) or ACT of 25 (22 or higher on all ACT sections)
- Interview with nursing faculty
- 3.7 High School Cumulative GPA
- Three years each of college preparatory math and science with a 3.7 GPA
- Student must be prepared to begin in biological chemistry, Freshman Year, 1st semester

Direct Admit nursing students under this special admissions option must maintain a college GPA of 3.0 overall and in the science courses, complete the prerequisite courses successfully, and meet the health requirements to begin clinical coursework in their fourth semester of study. Direct admit students who meet these requirements have a guaranteed place in the
BSN/undergraduate nursing program; they complete the program application and the TEAS V exam for tracking purposes only. ([http://www.uiw.edu/nursing/bsn/direct_admit.html](http://www.uiw.edu/nursing/bsn/direct_admit.html)).

**Phase II Qualifications:**

1. A BSN degree from University of the Incarnate Word.
2. A license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas or one of the compact states recognized by the State of Texas.
3. A course in basic statistics with a grade of "C"
4. A grade point average of 3.0 GPA in all undergraduate work and an average of 3.0 in upper-division nursing courses that serve as the foundation for the graduate major.
5. Completion of application process.
6. Three satisfactory references (academic, professional).
7. Official transcripts sent from each college/university attended (including hospital school of nursing, if appropriate).
8. An in-person interview

Direct admit students who meet these requirements have a guaranteed place in the DNP Program with a Nurse Practitioner focus. The complete the program application is for tracking purposes only. ([http://www.uiw.edu/dnp/bsn_dnp/](http://www.uiw.edu/dnp/bsn_dnp/))

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To apply for admission to the University, go to [http://www.uiw.edu/admissions/index.html](http://www.uiw.edu/admissions/index.html) and click on the **Apply Online** link