Dear applicant,

We are excited to meet you for your upcoming interview. To help you prepare, we have provided some frequently asked questions for you to review beforehand. We look forward to meeting you in person soon!

College of Nursing Admissions Committee

### What is a DNP scholarly project?

Through the DNP project, you can systematically translate the most reliable evidence into practical solutions. The final DNP projects may include initiatives for improving quality or pilot studies for changing practices. Once completed, you will share your project and findings with your faculty and peers. In the past, students have presented their projects as posters, podium speakers, and published articles.

# Do I have to have a topic in mind before I begin the program?

No, you do not have to have a topic in mind before starting the program. If accepted into the program, you will work closely with faculty to help you explore your area of interest.

#### I see that this is a hybrid program. What does that mean?

When registering for classes, you will notice that some coursework is available online, while others have both online components and live classroom sessions on campus. These sessions are necessary for learning and demonstrating clinical skills, working with fellow students and faculty, or participating in interprofessional opportunities. The dates and times for these sessions will be indicated in the registration information, allowing you to plan your schedule accordingly.

# What are the clinical requirements for the program?

In order to gain the necessary clinical experience, it is required that you complete a total of four clinical courses. Each of these courses will require 250 hours of direct patient care, adding up to 1,000 hours of clinical experience in total. During this time, you will have the opportunity to work alongside a licensed provider who specializes in the same field as you. This experience can take place in a variety of settings, depending on the provider's practice. If you are unsure of how to find a provider in your specialty, we are happy to assist you in your search.

# How much does the program cost?

For information, please visit:

https://www.upstate.edu/currentstudents/financial\_resources/accounts/rates.php

#### Is there financial aid available?

For information, please visit:

https://www.upstate.edu/financialaid/index.php

#### Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

If you have additional questions, feel free to reach out to the College of Nursing at:

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