Admissions Requirements

1. Graduation from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited BSN program.
2. An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A current unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Georgia.
4. Satisfactory score on MAT or GRE taken within the last five years. Codes for submission of GRE score are Mercer University Atlanta: R5025; Nursing Department/Major Code: 0610. The College of Nursing code for the MAT is #1109. *Prior graduate level coursework may exempt the student from the MAT or GRE requirement.
5. A 300-word essay describing professional goals and reason for seeking graduate education.
6. A minimum of one year of work experience as a professional Registered Nurse in acute care.
7. Three professional references from individuals who can address the applicant’s ability to successfully complete graduate study. *At least one of the references must be from a master’s degree prepared nurse
8. International student applicants, or students whose prior basic education was completed in another country, must demonstrate proficiency in English in one of the following ways:
   a. Submit an official score report of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) from the Educational Testing Service. An official TOEFL score of 80 IBT (Internet based TOEFL), 213 CBT (computer based TOEFL), 550 PBT (paper based TOEFL) or 6.5 IELTS is required, as well as minimum scores of 20 in each of the subtests in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
9. An interview with the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs or faculty designee.
10. Completion of an on-site writing component for admission evaluation.
11. A $50 nonrefundable application fee payable by check or money order.

Quick Facts:

- Total course hours= 48 hours; total clinical practice hours= 540 hours
- Can be completed in four semesters full time
- Program taught in hybrid format
- Tuition: $9928.00 per semester for 9 to 14 semester hours; enrollment in fewer than nine semester hours or more than 14 semester hours will be at a rate of $1103.00 per semester hour
- Successful completion will allow graduate to sit for the AGACNP or ACNP-AG certification exam.