International Student Master of Science in Nursing Application Information

Admission to the Master of Science Nursing (MSN) program is a two-step application process; both applications must be completed by the due dates (February 1st for Summer/Fall semester or September 1st for Spring semester) in order to be considered for admission.

Prior to admission to the Master of Science Nursing (MSN) program, the prospective international student needs to complete and/or be aware of:

- Complete a Graduate School application found at http://www.fhsu.edu/academic/gradschl/apply/ as an International Student (all paperwork/documentation must be submitted to the Graduate School). Use the checklist, online application form, information form, and financial form to complete their application process. The Graduate School can be contacted by phone at (785) 628-4236 or by email at cmmergen@fhsu.edu

- Take the CGFNS (Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) qualifying exam and the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam. Applicants must meet all of the requirements specified by CGFNS and any deficiencies noted by CGFNS must be met.

  - All out-of-country courses/transcripts taken outside of the United States, must be evaluated by CGFNS to confirm BSN degree, course credits, and grades including grade point average (GPA). CGFNS can be contacted at www.cgfns.org. **You must specify that you want a course by course evaluation.** The CGFNS report must be submitted directly to Fort Hays State University, Department of Nursing, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS. 67601.

- If English is not the native language of the country of origin, take the Test for Spoken English (TSE) in country of origin and pass the TSE according to the requirements of the CGFNS.

- Complete either qualifying exam:

  - The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) with a score of at least 376. Testing sites can be found at http://www.milleranalogies.com
  - Or, alternate test: GRE with minimum score of Verbal Reasoning 140, Quantitative Reasoning at 140, and Analytical Writing at 4.0.
• The FNP program requires students to be on campus 1 to 5 times per semester once you enter into the FNP track courses. All FNP practicum experiences (totaling a minimum of 750 clock hours) are incorporated throughout the curriculum and must be completed in the state of Kansas.

• Students taking clinicals out-of-the-country for the Nurse Administrator or Nurse Educator tracks must have the Nursing Department approval to proceed.

• All international students must have a Registered Nurse (RN) license to practice or complete the MSN program in the United States at Fort Hays State University (this implies that you must pass the NCLEX-RN and receive license to practice as a registered nurse in the United States).

• Complete a Department of Nursing application found at http://www.fhsu.edu/departmentform.aspx?ekfrm=15032385736.

Additional International Student information can be found under the “Admission Information for International Student” section of the Graduate Nursing Handbook found at the following site: http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing.

If you have additional questions or need additional assistance, please contact the Department of Nursing Prospective Student Counselor Ms. Joyce Dechant, by phone at (785) 628-4256 or by email at jdechant@fhsu.edu.