

Health Professions Division Admissions

featuring

Monica Lopez & Judy Dickman



Goals of the Health Professions Division

- Admit highly competitive applicants into HPD graduate programs
- Counsel applicants on program requirements
- Guide prospective student(s) on how to become competitive applicants
- Entice strong applicants as well as make community aware of NSU-HPD through recruitment events



HPD Colleges

- College of Osteopathic Medicine
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Optometry
- College of Health Care Sciences
- College of Medical Sciences
- College of Dental Medicine
- College of Nursing
- **Coming soon:** College of Allopathic Medicine



Additional Campuses

Florida Locations:

- Fort Myers
- Jacksonville
- Miami
- Orlando
- Palm Beach
- Tampa



Newly Opened: San Juan, Puerto Rico



Do You Know?

- How does an Osteopathic Physician (DO) differ from an MD?
- Who is an Optometrist vs. an Ophthalmologist?
- Can a Physician Assistant prescribe medication?
- Why do we need AAs?



Total Number of Applications Received for 2013-2014

College of Osteopathic Medicine:	5,066
College of Pharmacy:	1,221
College of Optometry:	717
College of Dental Medicine:	3,206
College of Medical Sciences:	334
College of Health Care Sciences:	6,513
College of Nursing:	589
Total:	17,643



Total Seats Available

College of Osteopathic Medicine	230
College of Pharmacy	275 combined
College of Optometry	100
College of Dental Medicine	178 combined
College of Medical Sciences	25
College of Health Care Sciences	552 combined
College of Nursing (graduate level)	80 combined

NOTE: Small, online programs generally have an open number of seats.



Class Size

- Class sizes range from 3 to 230 students each year, depending on the rules of accreditation for each program.
- Professional programs maintain strict guidelines for class size based on availability of teaching resources. If we exceed our class size the college/program is fined and may lose accreditation.



Admissions Cycle



Breaking down the process

- Interacting with applicants
- Processing and reviewing applications
- Interview selection
 - Interviewing candidates
- Decisions
- Wrapping-up the Admissions Cycle

Throughout the application cycle Admissions Counselors and Admissions Service Representatives (ASR) enter applicant statuses in Banner. This is crucial for reporting purposes and allows applicants to view their status in WebStar.



Interacting with Applicants

Advise individuals who:

- Walk into HPD lobby
- Make an appointment
- Call:
 - Call Center
 - Direct numbers
- Send faxes
- Send emails

In speaking to prospective and actual applicants, we provide admissions requirements, outline aspects of becoming a competitive applicant, provide program specific information, as well as discuss status and review unofficial transcripts and foreign evaluations.



Applying to HPD

There are two ways in which an applicant can apply to one of the many programs within HPD.

- Larger programs require a “Service Application” along with a NSU supplemental application. Once the service application is received by NSU, an email is sent to the applicant with the link to complete the supplemental application.
- Smaller programs only require completion of the NSU application.



Applying to HPD-Service Applications

- AACOMAS Osteopathic Medicine
- AADSAS Dental Medicine
- CASAA Anesthesiologist Assistant
- CASPA Physician Assistant
- NURSINGCAS Entry Level Nursing
- OPTOMCAS Optometry
- OTCAS Occupational Therapy
- PTCAS Physical Therapy
- PHARMCAS Pharmacy



Applying to HPD-Service Application

Service applications include:

1. Grade Point Averages (Total, Science, etc.)
2. Test Scores (MCAT, GRE, DAT, PCAT, OAT)
3. Letters of Recommendations
4. Personal Statement
5. Employment & Health Care Experience
6. Observation & Shadowing Hours
7. General Demographics



Applying to HPD-NSU Application

For programs that only require an NSU application, applicants must submit the following to the university:

- NSU Application & Signature Page
- All Transcripts
- Test Scores
- Letters of Recommendations

Some programs require resumes, documented observations hours, licensure, and professional articles



Reviewing the Application

Admissions Counselors review all applications to see if admissions requirements have been met.

- If not, further communication with the applicant is established.
- If requirements are met, the admissions counselor determines if the applicant is competitive based on the criteria set by the specific program's Committee on Admissions (COA).

Competitive applicants receive emails inviting them to interview.



Interviewing Candidates

The Health Professions Division interviews approximately 1,300 candidates each year.



- On any given weekday, several programs may be holding interviews at the same time.
- Interview schedules typically run from the end of August through the middle of May.



Interviewing Candidates-*continued*

Each program has its own way of conducting the interview process. Interviews can range from 45 minutes to a full day and may include:

- An essay (required prior to the interview)
- Individual or group interviews
- Meetings with the dean and/or program director
- HPD and/or NSU campus tour
- Meetings with HPD students, faculty, and/or staff
- Opportunities to participate in simulation lab
- Meals



Decisions

Whether an interview is conducted or not, the steps for processing decisions include:

- Files are presented to the Committee on Admissions (COA)
- COA make decisions on candidates
- Decisions are processed by Admissions Counselor, Admissions Service Representative (ASR) and/or
 - Banner is updated with proper status code
 - Letters are printed
 - Acceptance letters are signed by dean
 - Accepted applicants may also be notified via email or personal phone call prior to receiving their hard-copy acceptance letter



Wrapping-Up the Admissions Cycle

- All requirements listed on acceptance letter must be met
 - Official documents
 - Acceptance/Pre-Registration fees
- Background/Immunizations/Physical Exam forms
- Notification of medical insurance requirements
- Orientation
 - Start dates vary by program



THE END



CAST & CREDITS

Health Professions Division
Office of Admissions
(954) 262-1102



Thank You!



Additional Questions

Please email any questions not answered today to
essummit@nova.edu.

Thank you for attending!

