

## Instructions

Applicants must include one letter of recommendation in their application. Any additional letters received will not be reviewed or considered in your application.

**Your letter of recommendation must be received by the application deadline.** We are unable to accept incomplete applications with any late letters of recommendation. We strongly recommend that applicants contact their recommender as soon as possible and plan to submit their letter as early as possible to avoid any late submissions.

The letter of recommendation is intended to help application reviewers better understand your professional and academic readiness for the DNP program. The letter must be from a professional or academic recommender that can speak to your professionalism, leadership, and scholarly activities. The reviewer can be from your current workplace or prior academic institution.

### Requirements for your letter of recommendation:

- You must have 1 letter of recommendation from a doctorally prepared professor or healthcare professional (DNP, MD, DO, PhD) who can speak to your readiness for doctoral studies
- Recommendations should be current (written within 3 years of application)
- Family members or friends are not eligible to write letters of recommendation

Letters of Recommendation are collected through the Online Application. Applicants will provide email contact information for their recommender in the application. For more information about the Letter of Recommendation process in the Online Application, please refer here: <https://grad.uci.edu/admissions/applying-to-uci/letters-of-recommendation.php>

If students have any questions about the letter of recommendation in their application, they should contact the Graduate Admission team at [gradapplicant@uci.edu](mailto:gradapplicant@uci.edu). The School of Nursing Student Affairs Office cannot assist with technical issues related to the letter of recommendation system in the Online Application.