This update presents data for the 35 universities/colleges that offer one or more graduate nursing education programs. There were 38 programs that prepared graduates for licensure as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and 76 other programs. Table 1 breaks down these programs by education model:

Table 1. Program Type by Education Model, 2023

Program Type	Master's Degree	Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate DNP	Post-Master's DNP*	PhD in Nursing
Nurse Practitioner (n=29)	24	23	9	6	0
Clinical Nurse Specialist (n=2)	1	1	1	0	0
Nurse Anesthetist (n=5)	0	0	5	2	0
Nurse-Midwife (n=2)	1	1	1	1	0
Nurse Leadership/Admin (n=24)	20	7	3	9	0
Nursing Education (n=22)	21	13	0	0	0
Nursing Informatics (n=3)	2	2	0	1	0
Clinical Nurse Leader (n=2)	2	0	0	0	0
Nursing Research (n=7)	0	0	0	0	7
Public Health (n=1)	0	0	1	1	0
DNP-No Specialty (n=11)	0	0	1	10	0
Other (n=6)	5	2	0	0	0

Note: n=number of programs. Programs can have multiple models of education.
*The Post-Master's DNP models for APRN programs do not lead to APRN licensure. Those enrolled in these programs already hold an APRN license.

The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) collected data in the 2023 Board of Nursing's (BON) Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) that was available online as of October 2, 2023. The reporting period was academic year (AY) 2023 (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023) unless otherwise noted. TCNWS collaborated with the BON in the design and dissemination of the survey.

Qualified Applications for APRN and non-APRN Graduate Programs

Table 2 displays data trends for qualified applications and admissions for APRN programs. Qualified applications were those that met all criteria for admission at the school to which they were submitted.[1] These numbers represent the total number of applications across all models of education. Numbers by model of education can be found in the subsequent pages of this report.

- The number of qualified applications in 2023 decreased by 566 applications, or 9.3%, since 2022.

- In 2023, 913 (16.6%) of 5,509 qualified applications were not offered admission (QANA), less than in 2022 (21.5%).

Table 3 (page 2) lists data on qualified applications and admissions for non-APRN programs. These numbers represent the total number of applications across all models of education. Numbers by model of education can be found in the subsequent pages of this report.

Table 2. Qualified applications, admissions, & QANA, APRN programs, 2016-2023

AY	n	Seats for New Students[2]	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	QANA
2016	35	4,668	5,724	3,940	1,784 (31.2%)
2017	36	4,682	6,449	4,776	1,673 (25.9%)
2018	37	5,379	7,048	5,101	1,947 (27.6%)
2019	35	5,449	7,348	5,330	2,018 (27.5%)
2020	36	5,233	7,443	5,653	1,790 (24.0%)
2021	37	6,105	7,854	6,095	1,759 (22.4%)
2022	39	4,946	6,075	4,768	1,307 (21.5%)
2023	38	4,815	5,509	4,596	913 (16.6%)

Note: n=number of programs

[1]Qualified applications refers to applications submitted, not individual applicants, since candidates for admission may apply to more than one nursing program.

[2]Per the survey operational definition, seats for new students refers to the maximum number of seats for new students that a program can enroll in any given admission period. Seats for new students are combined for master's and post-graduate certificate, and post-baccaulareate DNP and post-master's DNP.

Table 3. Qualified applications, admissions, & QANA, non-APRN programs, 2016-2023

AY	n	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	QANA
2016	71	3,767	1,891	1,647	244 (12.9%)
2017	73	2,498	2,142	2,060	82 (3.8%)
2018	71	2,783	2,049	1,929	120 (5.9%)
2019	75	2,752	2,318	2,144	174 (7.5%)
2020	73	2,932	2,511	2,360	151 (6.0%)
2021	75	3,108	2,537	2,411	126 (5.0%)
2022	75	2,275	1,855	1,740	115 (6.2%)
2023	76	2,432	1,799	1,668	131 (7.3%)

Note: n=number of programs

Table 4. Qualified Applications & Admissions by Program Type, 2023

Program Type	n	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	QANA
Nurse Anesthetist	5	276	571	355	216 (37.8%)
Nurse-Midwife	2	60	77	60	17 (22.1%)
Nurse Practitioner	29	4,453	4,825	4,163	662 (13.7%)
Clinical Nurse Specialist	2	26	36	18	18 (50.0%)
Total - APRN	**38**	**4,815**	**5,509**	**4,596**	**913 (16.6%)**
Nursing Leader/ Admin	24	1,112	673	646	27 (4.0%)
Nursing Education	22	684	427	424	3 (0.7%)
Nursing Informatics	3	98	109	100	9 (8.3%)
Clinical Nurse Leader	2	4	8	8	0 (0.0%)
Nursing Research[3]	7	88	96	73	23 (24.0%)
Public Health	1	1	1	1	0 (0.0%)
DNP-No Specialty[4]	11	302	299	292	7 (2.3%)
All Other	6	143	186	124	62 (33.3%)
Total Non-APRN	**76**	**2,432**	**1,799**	**1,668**	**131 (7.3%)**
Total - ALL	**114**	**7,247**	**7,308**	**6,264**	**1,044 (14.3%)**

Note: n=number of programs

[3]Nursing research is a program track that prepares nurses, in clinical or academic settings, to garner quantitative/qualitative research findings to be applied to the betterment of healthcare.

[4]DNP-no specialty refers to 10 DNP programs that don't identify any of the other categories as the focus of their program.

- As seen in Table 3, from 2022 to 2023, there was a 3.0% decrease in the number of qualified applications and a 4.1% decrease in applications offered admission.

- In 2023, 131 (7.3%) of 1,799 qualified applications were not offered admission (QANA), which is an increase from the proportion in 2022 (6.2%).

Table 4 lists data on qualified applications and admissions by program type reported by APRN and non-APRN programs.

- Clinical nurse specialist programs had the highest percentage of qualified applications not offered admission across all program types (50.0%).

Table 5. Programs Offering Admission to All Qualified Applications by Program Type, 2022 & 2023

Program Type	2022		2023	
	# Offering Admission to All Qualified Applications	% Offering Admission to All Qualified Applications	# Offering Admission to All Qualified Applications	% Offering Admission to All Qualified Applications
Nurse Anesthetist	1/5	20.0%	1/5	20.0%
Nurse-Midwife	0/2	0.0%	0/2	0.0%
Nurse Practitioner	17/30	56.7%	14/29	48.3%
Clinical Nurse Specialist	1/2	50.0%	1/2	50.0%
Total - APRN	**19/39**	**48.7%**	**16/38**	**42.1%**
Nursing Leader/ Admin	16/23	69.6%	13/24	54.2%
Nursing Education	19/23	82.6%	16/22	72.7%
Nursing Informatics	0/3	0.0%	0/3	0.0%
Clinical Nurse Leader	1/2	50.0%	1/2	50.0%
Nursing Research	1/7	14.3%	3/7	42.9%
Public Health	0/1	0.0%	1/1	100.0%
DNP-No Specialty	6/10	60.0%	6/11	54.5%
All Other	5/6	83.3%	4/6	66.7%
Total Non-APRN	**48/75**	**64.0%**	**44/76**	**57.9%**
Total - ALL	**67/114**	**58.8%**	**60/114**	**52.6%**

- The "other" programs had the highest percentage of qualified applications not offered admission among non-APRN programs, offering admissions to only 124 of 186 qualified applications (33.3%).
- Non-APRN programs offered admission to a larger proportion of qualified applications than APRN programs overall.

Table 5 (page 2) lists the proportion of APRN and non-APRN programs that offered admission to all qualified applications.

- Overall, the proportion of programs that offered admission to all qualified applications decreased from 58.8% in 2022 to 52.6% in 2023.
- In 2023, 16 out of 38 APRN programs offered admission to all qualified applications (42.1%), decreasing from 48.7% in 2022.
- For non-APRN programs, 44 out of 76 programs (56.6%) offered admission to all qualified applications, decreasing from 64.0% in 2022.

The schools that did not accept all qualified applications were asked to rank reasons why qualified applications were not accepted from most important (rank 1) to least important (rank 6).

- The most heavily ranked reason a program did not accept all qualified applicants was a lack of clinical placement/sites, followed closely by a lack of preceptors.

Programs that ranked "lack of clinical placement" as rank 1 or 2 were asked to specify the problems they encountered.

- Programs specified competition with other programs for placing students (2 programs), the expense of compensating preceptors and sites (3 programs), and lack of available preceptors and clinical sites (5 programs).

Newly Admitted Students in APRN and Non-APRN Graduate Programs

Table 6 shows the number of newly admitted students in both APRN and non-APRN programs by program type and academic year. Newly admitted students are those who were offered admission and decided to register and enroll in the program.

- Overall, there was a 1.5% decrease in newly admitted students from 2022 to 2023.
- There was a 2.1% decrease in the number of newly admitted APRN students and no change in the number of newly admitted non-APRN students from 2022 to 2023.
- The number of newly admitted nurse practitioner students decreased by 4.2% in 2023.
- The number of newly admitted students to nurse anesthetist programs increased 38.5% from 2022 to 2023, the only APRN program type to increase admissions over the past year.
- DNP-No Specialty programs increased admissions by 46.0% from 2022 to 2023, the largest increase of any program type.

Table 6. Newly admitted Students by Program Type, 2022 & 2023

Program Type	Newly Admitted Students, 2022	Newly Admitted Students, 2023	% Change 2022-2023
Nurse Anesthetist	195	270	38.5%
Nurse-Midwife	53	44	-17.0%
Nurse Practitioner	3,315	3,176	-4.2%
Clinical Nurse Specialist	11	9	-18.2%
Total - APRN	3,574	3,499	-2.1%
Nursing Leader\Admin	583	534	-8.4%
Nursing Education	354	327	-7.6%
Nursing Informatics	60	73	21.7%
Clinical Nurse Leader	7	4	-42.9%
Nursing Research	55	42	-23.6%
Public Health	2	1	-50.0%
DNP-No Specialty	139	203	46.0%
All Other	90	106	17.8%
Total Non-APRN	1,290	1,290	0.0%
Total - ALL	4,864	4,789	-1.5%

Seats Unfilled

Tables 7 and 8 show the number of seats for new students and number of newly admitted students to APRN and non-APRN programs from 2016 to 2023, respectively.

- The proportion of seats unfilled in APRN programs ranged from 14.5% to 34.8% in the past 8 years.
- The proportion of seats unfilled in non-APRN programs ranged from 38.3% to 67.6% in the past 8 years.

Table 7. Seats for New Students and Newly Admitted Students, APRN programs, 2016-2023

AY	Seats for New Students	Newly Admitted APRN students	Seats Unfilled (%)
2016	4,668	3,043	34.8%
2017	4,682	3,913	16.4%
2018	5,379	4,246	21.1%
2019	5,449	4,310	20.9%
2020	5,233	4,472	14.5%
2021	6,105	4,816	21.1%
2022	4,946	3,574	27.7%
2023	4,815	3,499	27.3%

- It is important to note that, even if all qualified applicants were admitted to non-APRN graduate programs, 26.0% of seats would still be unfilled.
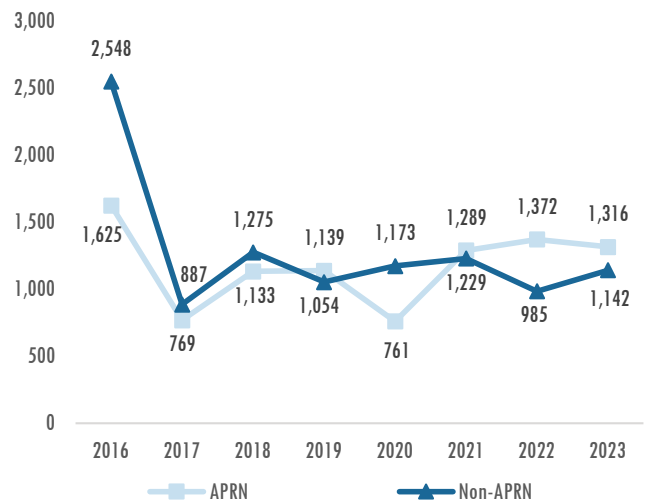
Table 8. Seats for New Students and Newly Admitted Students, non-APRN programs, 2016-2023

AY	Seats for New Students	Newly Admitted Non-APRN students	Seats Unfilled (%)
2016	3,767	1,219	67.6%
2017	2,498	1,611	35.5%
2018	2,783	1,508	45.8%
2019	2,752	1,698	38.3%
2020	2,932	1,759	40.0%
2021	3,108	1,879	39.5%
2022	2,275	1,290	43.3%
2023	2,432	1,290	47.0%

Figure 1 shows the number of unfilled seats for new students from 2016 to 2023 for APRN and non-APRN program types.

- Over the past 8 years, the highest number of unfilled seats for new students occured in 2016.

Figure 1. Total Unfilled Seats for Newly Admitted Students, 2016-2023

- Since 2021, APRN programs have had a higher number of unfilled seats for new students than non-APRN programs.

Table 9 shows the number of seats for new students and the number of newly admitted students by program type in 2023.

- Clinical nurse specialist program type had the highest proportion of seats unfilled (65.4%).

Table 9. Seats for New Students and Newly Admitted Students, 2023

Program Type	Seats for New Students	Newly Admitted Students	Seats Unfilled (%)
Nurse Anesthetist	276	270	2.2%
Nurse-Midwife	60	44	26.7%
Nurse Practitioner	4,453	3,176	28.7%
Clinical Nurse Specialist	26	9	65.4%
Total - APRN	4,815	3,499	27.3%
Nursing Leader\Admin	1,112	534	52.0%
Nursing Education	684	327	52.2%
Nursing Informatics	98	73	25.5%
Clinical Nurse Leader	4	4	0.0%
Nursing Research	88	42	52.3%
Public Health	1	1	0.0%
DNP-No Specialty	302	203	32.8%
All Other	143	106	25.9%
Total Non-APRN	2,432	1,290	47.0%
Total - ALL	7,247	4,789	33.9%

Table 10 and Figure 2 show the total number of students enrolled on September 30 of the respective year by program type over time.

- Student enrollment in APRN programs decreased from 2022 to 2023. Enrollment in non-APRN programs also decreased.
- The number of students enrolled in 2023 decreased in 75% (6 out of 8) of non-APRN programs.

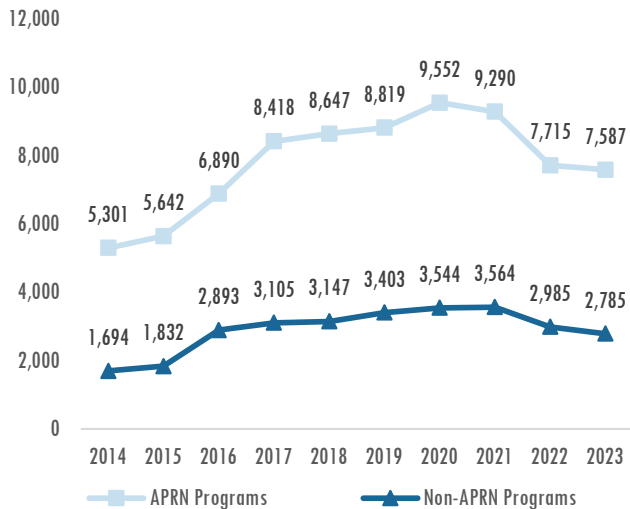**Figure 2. Total Enrollment in APRN and Non-APRN Programs Type, 2014-2023**

Table 10. Total Enrollment by Program Type, 2019-2023

Program Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nurse Anesthetist	391	728	767	671	698
Nurse-Midwife	108	127	133	121	118
Nurse Practitioner	8,279	8,666	8,356	6,895	6,742
Clinical Nurse Specialist	41	31	34	28	29
Total - APRN	8,819	9,552	9,290	7,715	7,587
Nursing Leader/Admin	1,356	1,372	1,379	1,105	1,080
Nursing Education	913	975	956	743	645
Nursing Informatics	43	76	105	132	145
Clinical Nurse Leader	31	25	20	22	22
Nursing Research	337	341	342	324	279
Public Health	8	10	8	5	2
DNP-No Specialty	484	606	604	476	452
All Other	231	139	150	178	160
Total - Non-APRN	3,403	3,544	3,564	2,985	2,785
Total - ALL	12,222	13,096	12,854	10,700	10,372

Table 11 shows enrollment for APRN and non-APRN graduate level programs by education model.

- The majority of students were enrolled in master's degree programs for APRN and non-APRN programs.

Table 11. Enrollees by Program Type and Education Model, 2023

Program Type	Master's Degree	Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate DNP	Post-Master's DNP	PhD in Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist	0	0	693	5	0
Nurse-Midwife	57	2	59	0	0
Nurse Practitioner	5,001	394	1,269	78	0
Clinical Nurse Specialist	18	0	11	0	0
Total APRN	5,076	396	2,032	83	0
Nursing Leader\Admin	782	3	11	284	0
Nursing Education	616	29	0	0	0
Nursing Informatics	128	6	0	11	0
Clinical Nurse Leader	22	0	0	0	0
Nursing Research	0	0	0	0	279
Public Health	0	0	0	2	0
DNP-No Specialty	0	0	0	452	0
All Other	138	22	0	0	0
Total Non-APRN	1,686	60	11	749	279
Total - ALL	6,762	456	2,043	832	279

Table 12 shows the APRN and non-APRN graduates by program type over the past 5 academic years. Table 13 shows graduate totals for APRN and non-APRN programs by education model.

- The number of graduates showed an overall decrease in APRN and non-APRN programs from 2022 to 2023.
- The majority of graduates from 2023 APRN programs were in nurse practitioner programs.
- The largest number of graduates from non-APRN programs in 2023 were in nursing leadership/administration programs.
- The majority of graduates in both 2023 APRN and non-APRN programs received a master's degree.

APRN Graduates Planning to Work in Texas

APRN programs reported the number of APRN graduates who plan to work in Texas.

- There were 2,132 reported APRN graduates, 1,239 (58.1%) of whom plan to work in Texas.

Schools were also asked to rank reasons why APRN graduates planned to work in states other than Texas from most important (rank 1) to least important (rank 4).

Table 12. Graduates by Program Type, 2019-2023

Program Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nurse Anesthetist	98	200	267	256	111
Nurse-Midwife	16	12	20	49	24
Nurse Practitioner	2,472	2,552	2,629	2,359	1,986
Clinical Nurse Specialist	19	20	11	15	11
Total APRN	**2,605**	**2,784**	**2,927**	**2,679**	**2,132**
Nursing Leader/Admin	583	602	584	539	467
Nursing Education	307	351	351	340	320
Nursing Informatics	20	18	25	25	57
Clinical Nurse Leader	27	13	8	5	6
Nursing Research	56	66	43	51	54
Public Health	1	0	1	3	2
DNP-No Specialty	115	137	181	204	168
All Other	64	60	66	78	67
Total Non-APRN	**1,173**	**1,247**	**1,259**	**1,245**	**1,141**
Total - ALL	**3,778**	**4,031**	**4,186**	**3,924**	**3,273**

- The most frequently selected as "most important" or "important" reasons were "other state is state of residence/Family in other state" (18 programs) and "full practice authority" (18 programs).
- Other reasons schools listed included military service obligations (3 programs).

Table 13. Graduates by Program Type and Education Model, 2023

Program Type	Master's Degree	Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate DNP	Post-Master's DNP	PhD in Nursing
Nurse Anesthetist	0	0	108	3	0
Nurse-Midwife	20	1	3	0	0
Nurse Practitioner	1,615	187	141	43	0
Clinical Nurse Specialist	7	0	4	0	0
Total APRN	**1,642**	**188**	**256**	**46**	**0**
Nursing Leader\Admin	389	3	0	72	3
Nursing Education	303	17	0	0	0
Nursing Informatics	41	10	0	6	0
Clinical Nurse Leader	6	0	0	0	0
Nursing Research	0	0	0	0	54
Public Health	0	0	0	2	0
DNP-No Specialty	0	0	0	168	0
All Other	52	15	0	0	0
Total Non-APRN	**791**	**45**	**0**	**248**	**57**
Total - ALL	**2,433**	**233**	**256**	**294**	**57**

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nurse anesthetist (NA) programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 14). The 5 programs offered 2 different models of education: post-baccalaureate DNP and post-master's DNP.

- The majority of newly admitted students and enrollees were in a post-baccalaureate DNP education model.

- 44.8% of qualified post-baccalaureate DNP NA applications were not offered admission.

- One institution with an NA program did not respond to the 2019 Graduate NEPIS; the increase in counts from 2019 to 2020 reflect this omission (Figure 3).

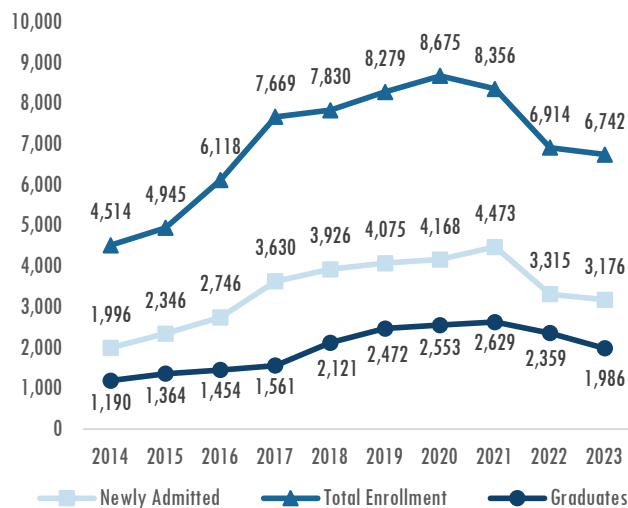**Figure 3. Nurse Anesthetist Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023**
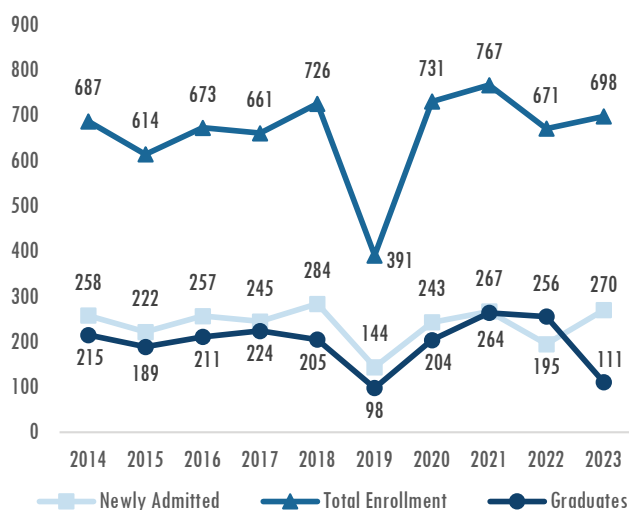
Table 14. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nurse Anesthetist Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	276	566	350	267	38.2%	693	108
Post-Master's DNP		5	5	3	0.0%	5	3
All NA Programs	276	571	355	270	37.8%	698	111

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nurse practitioner (NP) programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by model of education (Table 15). The 29 programs offered 4 different models of education: master's degree, post-graduate certificate, post-baccalaureate DNP and post-master's DNP.

- Overall, 13.7% of qualified applications were not offered admission to any education model.
- The majority of newly admitted students, enrollees, and graduates were in master's degree programs.
- Overall, admissions, enrollment, and graduations decreased from 2022 (Figure 4, Tables 16 & 17).

Table 18 shows the number of NP graduates by population focus areas.

- Over half (57.9%) of graduates had a family population focus area.

**Figure 4. Nurse Practitioner Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023**

Table 15. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nurse Practitioner Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	3,609	3,410	3,010	2,368	11.7%	5,001	1,615
Post-Graduate Certificate		593	464	340	21.8%	394	187
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	844	767	640	444	16.6%	1,269	141
Post-Master's DNP		55	49	24	10.9%	78	43
All NP Programs	4,453	4,825	4,163	3,176	13.7%	6,742	1,986

Table 16. Nurse Practitioner Total Enrollment by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2022	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2023
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	5,718	5,395
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	1,196	1,347
All Nurse Practitioner Programs	6,914	6,742

Table 17. Nurse Practitioner Graduates by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	2022 Graduates	2023 Graduates
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	2,205	1,802
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	154	184
All Nurse Practitioner Programs	2,359	1,986

Table 18. Nurse Practitioner Graduates by Population Focus Area, 2023

Population Focus Area	Master's Degree	Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Baccalaureate DNP	Total
Acute Care Adult/ Gerontology	258	51	20	329
Acute Care Pediatric	42	7	0	49
Family	996	36	117	1,149
Neonatal	32	0	4	36
Pediatric	72	4	6	82
Primary Care Adult/ Gerontology	72	9	1	82
Psychiatric/ Mental Health	166	83	25	274
Women's Health	18	1	0	19

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, clinical nurse specialist (CNS) programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 19). The 2 programs offered 2 models of education: master's degree and post-baccalaureate DNP.

- The majority of CNS students were enrolled in master's degree programs.
- There was an increase in enrollment and a decrease in newly admissions and graduates from 2022 (Figure 5, Tables 20 & 21).

CNS programs were also asked to identify the number of graduates from each population focus area.

- The majority (9 or 81.8%) of graduates were in the adult/gerontology population focus area. The remaining 2 graduates were in the pediatric population focus area.

Figure 5. Clinical Nurse Specialist Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023
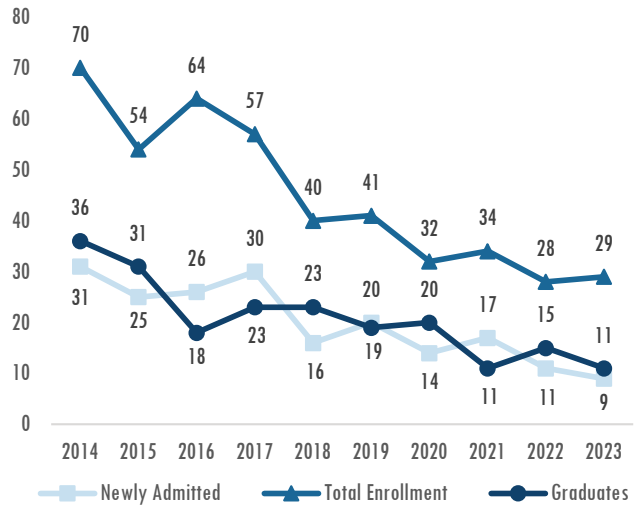
Table 19. Admissions, Enrollment, and Graduates in Clinical Nurse Specialist Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	16	34	16	7	52.9%	18	7
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	10	2	2	2	0.0%	11	4
All CNS Programs	26	36	18	9	50.0%	29	11

Table 20. Clinical Nurse Specialist Total Enrollment by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	Students Enrolled on Sept. 30, 2022	Students Enrolled on Sept. 30, 2023
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	16	18
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	12	11
All CNS Programs	28	29

Table 21. Clinical Nurse Specialist Graduates by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	2022 Graduates	2023 Graduates
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	14	7
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	1	4
All CNS Programs	15	11

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nurse-midwife (NM) programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 22). The 2 programs offered 3 different education models: master's degree, post-graduate certificate, and post-baccalaureate DNP.

- The majority of newly admitted students, and graduates were in master's degree programs.
- Overall, the number of graduate NM students decreased by 51.0% from 2022 (Table 24).

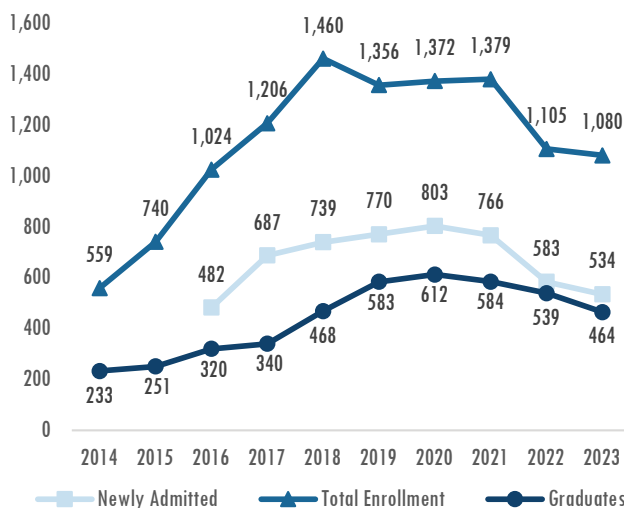Figure 6. Nurse-Midwife Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023
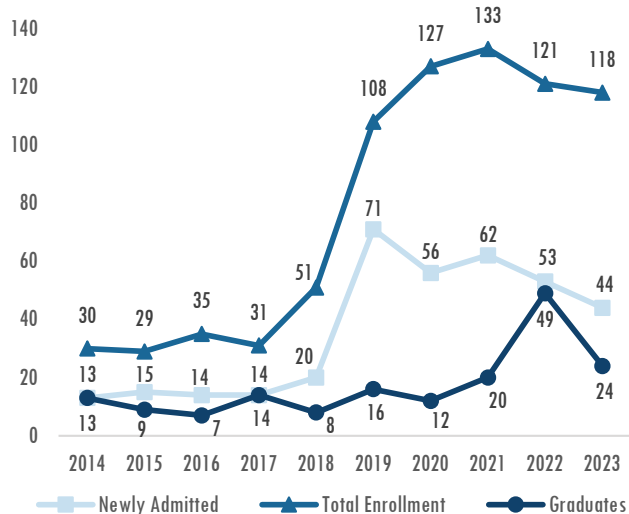
Table 22. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nurse-Midwife Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	40	53	38	27	28.3%	57	20
Post-Graduate Certificate		2	2	1	0.0%	2	1
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	20	22	20	16	9.1%	59	3
All NM Programs	60	77	60	44	22.1%	118	24

Table 23. Nurse-Midwife Total Enrollment by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2022	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2023
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	70	59
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	51	59
All NM Programs	121	118

Table 24. Nurse-Midwife Graduates by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	2022 Graduates	2023 Graduates
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	33	21
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	16	3
All NM Programs	49	24

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nurse leadership/ administration programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 25). The 24 programs offered 4 education models: master's degree, post-graduate certificate, post-baccalaureate DNP, and post-master's DNP.

- The majority of nurse leadership/administration enrolled students, newly admitted students, and graduates were in a master's degree program.

- The number of total enrolled students, newly admitted students, and graduates decreased from 2022 (Figure 7).

Figure 7. Nurse Leadership/Administration Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023

Table 25. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nurse Leadership/Administration Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	839	519	509	425	1.9%	782	389
Post-Graduate Certificate		8	8	3	0.0%	3	3
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	273	13	12	11	7.7%	11	0
Post-Master's DNP		133	117	95	12.0%	284	72
All Nurse Leadership/Admin Programs	1,112	673	646	534	4.0%	1,080	464

Table 26. Nurse Leadership/Administration Total Enrollment by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2022	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2023
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	814	785
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	291	295
All Nurse Leadership/Admin Programs	1,105	1,080

Table 27. Nurse Leadership/Administration Graduates by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	2022 Graduates	2023 Graduates
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	426	392
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	113	72
All Nurse Leadership/Admin Programs	539	464

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nursing education programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 28). The 22 programs offered 2 education models, master's degree and post-graduate certificate.

- The majority of newly admited students, enrollees, and graduates were in the master's degree education model (Table 28).

- The total enrollment, newly admitted students, and graduates decreased from 2022 (Figure 8).

- Nearly all qualified applications were offered admission (99.3%).

Figure 8. Nursing Education Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023
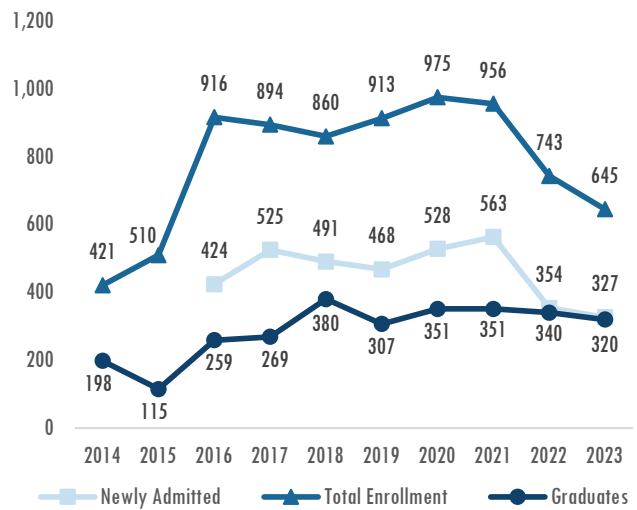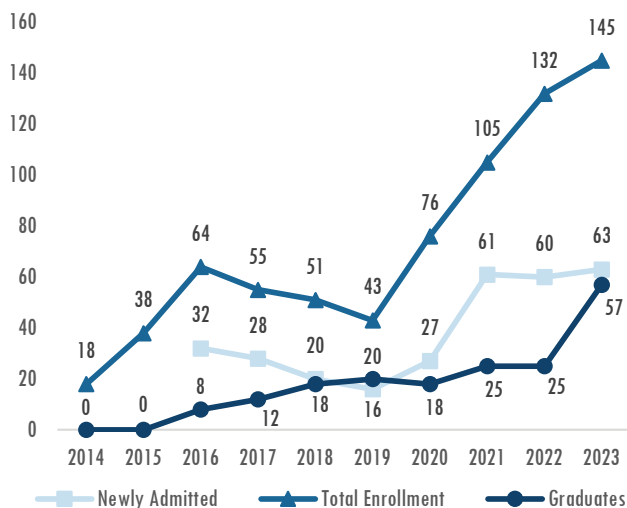

Table 28. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nursing Education Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	684	392	391	301	0.3%	616	303
Post-Graduate Certificate		35	33	26	5.7%	29	17
All Nursing Education Programs	684	427	424	327	0.7%	645	320

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nursing informatics programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 29). The 3 programs offered 3 education models: master's degree, post-graduate certificate, and post-master's DNP.

- The majority of nursing informatics students were enrolled in a master's degree program (88.3%) (Table 29).

- The total number of newly admitted students, enrolled students, and graduates increased from 2022 (Figure 9).

Figure 9. Nursing Informatics Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023

Table 29. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nursing Informatics Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	98	85	80	61	5.9%	128	41
Post-Graduate Certificate		18	18	12	0.0%	6	10
Post-Master's DNP	0	6	2	0	66.7%	11	6
All Nursing Informatics Programs	98	109	100	73	8.3%	145	57

Table 30. Nursing Informatics Total Enrollment by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2022	Students Enrolled Sept. 30, 2023
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	117	134
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	15	11
All Nursing Informatics Programs	132	145

Table 31. Nursing Informatics Graduates by Education Model, 2022 & 2023

Education Model	2022 Graduates	2023 Graduates
Master's Degree & Post-Graduate Certificate	25	51
Post-Baccalaureate & Post-Master's DNP	0	6
All Nursing Informatics Programs	25	57

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, clinical nurse leader programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 32). The 2 programs offered 1 education model: master's degree.

- The number of newly admitted students, enrollees, and graduates stayed consistent from 2022 (Figure 10).
- All qualified applications were offered admission in 2023 (Table 32).

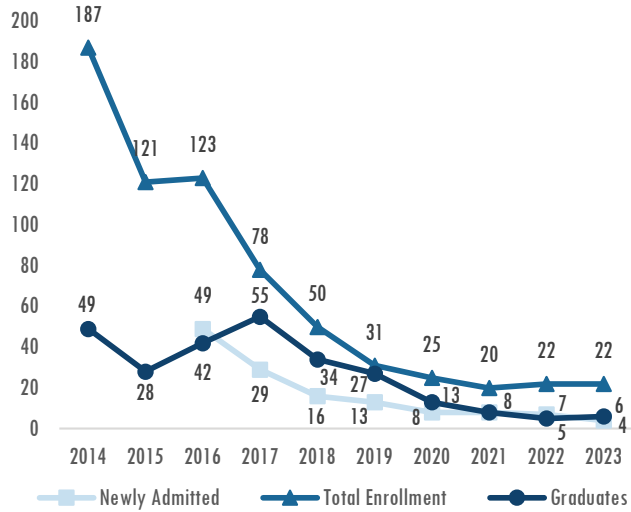**Figure 10. Clinical Nurse Leader Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023**

Table 32. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Clinical Nurse Leader Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
All Clinical Nurse Leader Programs (Master's Degree)	4	8	8	4	0.0%	22	6

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, nursing research programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 33). Nursing research is a program track that prepares nurses, in clinical or academic settings, to garner quantitative and qualitative research findings to be applied to the betterment of healthcare. The 7 programs offered 1 education model, a PhD in nursing.

- 76.0% of the qualified applications were offered admission, which is similar to 2022, when 73.8% of applications were offered admission.

- The number of graduates increased by 3 graduates from 2022 (Figure 11).

- Enrollment in Nursing Research programs decreased by 13.9% since 2022 (Figure 11).

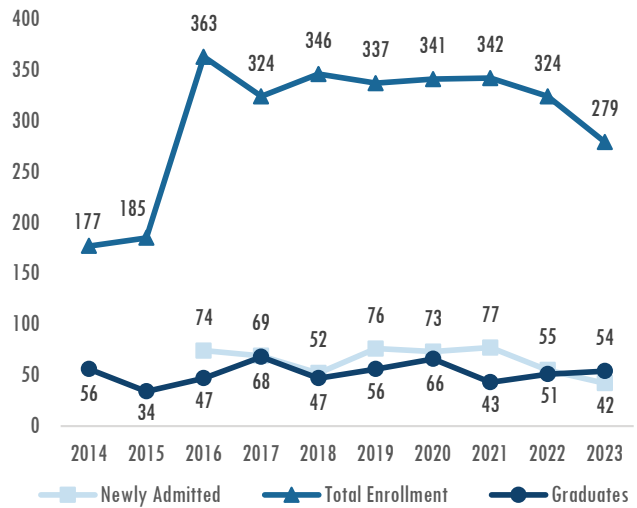**Figure 11. Nursing Research Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023**

Table 33. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Nursing Research Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
All Nursing Research Programs (PhD)	88	96	73	42	24.0%	279	54

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, public health programs were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 34). Public Health is a program track that prepares nurses, using nursing and public health sciences, to promote and protect population health. The 1 program offered 2 education models, a post-baccalaureate DNP and a post-master's DNP.

- No students were admitted to the post-baccalaureate DNP program in 2023.

- The number of newly admitted students, enrollees, and graduates have remained low due to public health programs only being offered at one school.

Figure 12. Public Health Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2016-2023
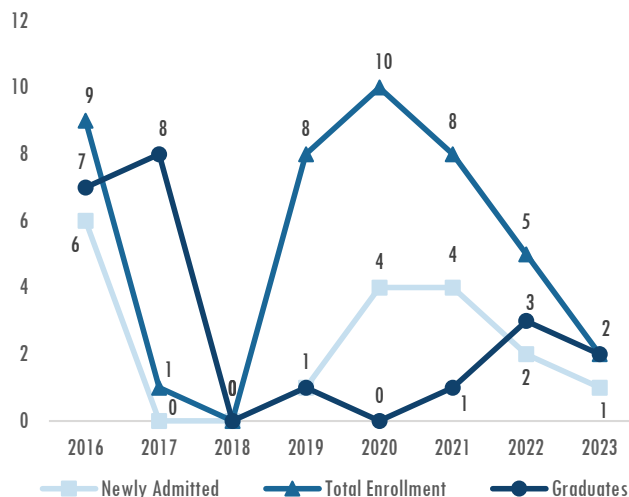

Table 34. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in Public Health Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Post-Baccaulareate DNP	1	0	0	0	-	0	0
Post-Master's DNP		1	1	1	0.0%	2	2
All Public Health Programs	1	1	1	1	0.0%	2	2

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, DNP programs with no specialty were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by education model (Table 35). The 11 programs offered 1 education model: a post-master's DNP.

- In 2023, there were 203 newly enrolled students in the no specialty programs, increasing from 139 students in 2022 (31.5%).

- Admission was offered to 97.7% of qualified applications, similar to 95.0% in 2022.

- The number of enrolled students and graduates decreased from 2022.

Figure 13. DNP- No Specialty Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2017-2023
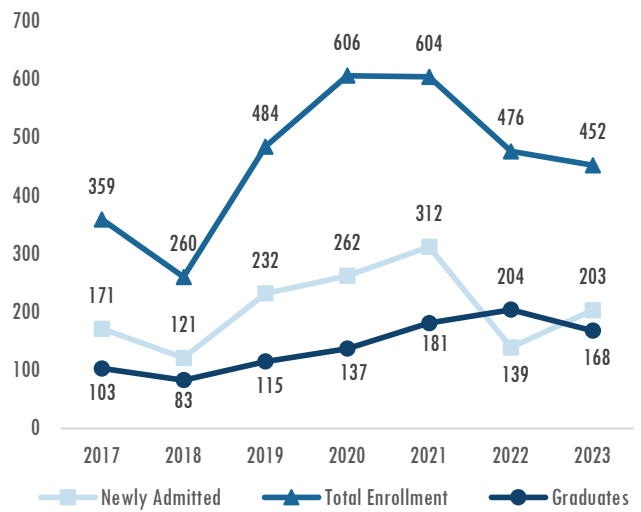

Table 35. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in DNP-No Specialty/Generic Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
All DNP-No Specialty (Post-Master's DNP)	302	299	292	203	2.3%	452	168

In the 2023 Graduate NEPIS, schools were asked to break out admissions, enrollment, and graduation data by model of education for programs classified as "all other" (Table 36). The 6 programs offered 2 education models: master's degree and post-graduate certificate. The programs included: comprehensive, forensic nursing science, leadership in diverse settings, simulation education, and advanced pain management.

- All qualified applications were offered admission to the post-graduate certificate program.
- The majority of enrollees and graduates were in a master's degree program in 2023.
- Total enrollment and graduates decreased from 2022.

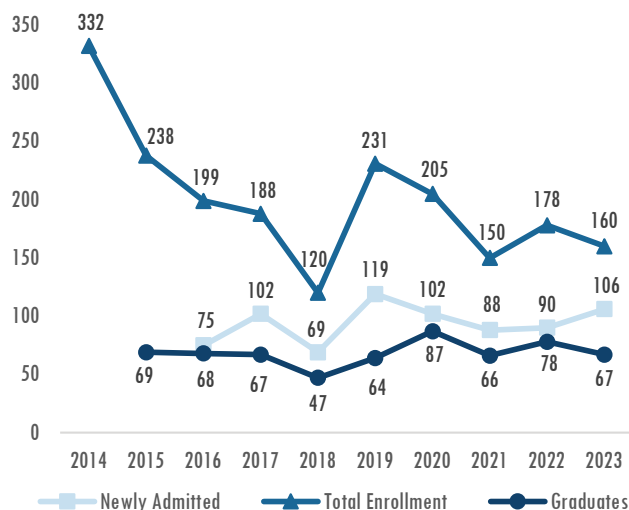Figure 14. "All Other" Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2014-2023

Table 36. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in All Other Programs, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Master's Degree	143	158	96	78	39.2%	138	52
Post-Graduate Certificate		28	28	28	0.0%	22	15
All Other Programs	143	186	124	106	33.3%	160	67

A doctor of nursing practice (DNP), including all specialties and program types, was offered by 21 of the responding 35 schools offering nursing graduate level education in 2023. These schools offered 2 different education models: post-baccalaureate DNP and post-master's DNP.

- The total number of DNP enrollees has increased by 2.4% from 2022 (Figure 15).

- The total number of newly admitted students decreased by 2.5% from 2022 (Figure 15).

- The majority of newly admitted students and enrollees were in post-baccalaureate DNP models.

- Post-master's DNP models offered admission to 93.4% of qualified applications compared to 73.1% of qualified applications to post-baccalaureate DNP models.

- Nurse practitioner programs had the largest enrollment in DNP models out of any other program type (Table 38).

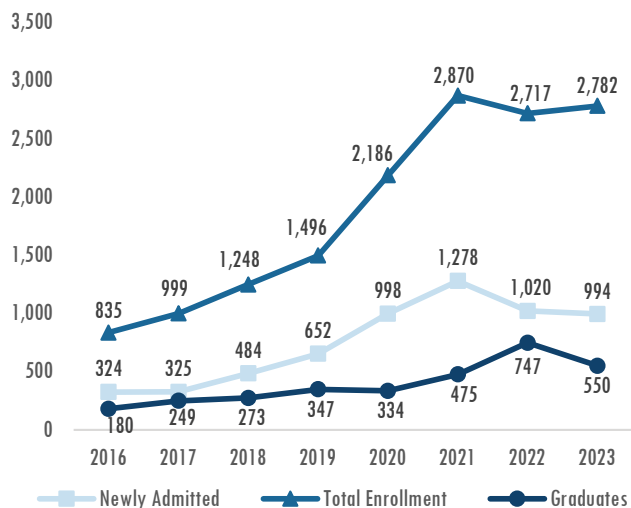**Figure 15. DNP Total Enrollment, Graduates, & Newly Admitted, 2016-2023**

Table 37. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in DNP Programs by Education Model, 2023

Education Model	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Post-Baccalaureate DNP	1,726	1,370	1,024	740	25.3%	2,043	256
Post-Master's DNP		499	466	326	6.6%	832	294
All DNP Programs	1,726	1,869	1,490	1,066	20.3%	2,875	550

Table 38. Admissions, Enrollment, & Graduates in DNP Programs by Program Type, 2023

DNP Program Type	Seats for New Students	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Newly Admitted Students	QANA (%)	Total Enrollment on September 30, 2023	Graduates
Nurse Practitioner	844	822	689	468	16.2%	1,347	184
Clinical Nurse Specialist	10	2	2	2	0.0%	11	4
Nurse Anesthetist	276	571	355	270	37.8%	698	111
Nurse-Midwife	20	22	20	16	9.1%	59	3
Nurse Leadership/Administration	273	146	129	106	11.6%	295	72
Nurse Informatics	0	6	2	0	66.7%	11	6
Public Health	1	1	1	1	100.0%	2	2
No Specialty	302	299	292	203	2.3%	452	168