Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission into the cardiovascular perfusion program, students must meet the following requirements. All required documents must be submitted to graduate admission at graduate@nku.edu.

1. Application for graduate admission and $40 non-refundable application fee.
2. Completed a bachelor’s or master’s degree at a regionally accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of at 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Please submit all official transcripts from undergraduate and graduate schools attended.
3. Successful completion of the following prerequisites, or equivalent courses, with a GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in each course. Prerequisites should be completed within ten years of application.
   - General Biology with labs (8 credits) (e.g. NKU- BIO 150/L and BIO 151/L)
   - Microbiology with lab (4 credits) (e.g. NKU- BIO 202/L)
   - College Math (3 credits) (e.g. NKU- MAT 129 or STA 205)
   - Physics with lab (4 credits) (e.g. NKU- PHY 211/L)
   - General Chemistry with labs (8 credits) (e.g. NKU- CHE 120/L and CHE 121/L)
   - Anatomy & Physiology with labs (8 credits) (e.g. NKU- BIO 208/L and BIO 209/L)
   - Biochemistry (3 credits) (e.g. NKU- CHE 115/L)
4. Clinical patient care experience or shadow a perfusionist
   [Perfusion Shadowing Form.pdf]
5. Three professional letters of recommendation
6. Letter of intent discussing why you wish to pursue a career as a cardiovascular perfusionist
7. CV or resume

Application Deadline

The application cycle begins September 15th. To be considered for admission, the completed application and all admission requirements must be submitted by February 15th. Applications that are not completed and submitted by this deadline will automatically be considered/ reviewed for the following fall academic year. The application review and interview process are conducted in March and April. Final decisions are made by the end of April.

Interview

Once all requirements are met within the application deadline, qualified applicants may be invited for an interview with the director of the program prior to final decision of admission.