

PhD in Nursing

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted each semester depending on space. Admission may be considered at a later date depending on space.

Applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Graduation from a nationally accredited baccalaureate program with 3.2 minimum GPA (4.0 scale). (BSN to PhD track) OR from a nationally accredited master's program with a 3.5 minimum GPA (4.0 scale) or equivalent for non-nurse applicants. (MSN to PhD track)
- Satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Two letters of reference
- Original essay on professional goals and research interests
- Interview by invitation

International applicants must meet minimum requirements on tests of written and spoken English (TOEFL, Minimum 550 or better is desired). International students must also apply through the International Student Services Office.

Degree Requirements

While each program of study is individualized, BSN to PhD students complete a minimum of 65 hours of graduate-level course work. MSN to PhD students complete 47 credit hours and 18 to a maximum of 30 ~~M.S.N.~~ MSN hours, which support the program of study, and are individually evaluated to determine eligibility for the application of candidacy. The overall ~~Ph.D.~~ PhD in nursing program design includes nursing science and theory, research methods and statistics, cognates or support courses and dissertation.

Nursing Science, Theory, and Discipline of Nursing: 26 or more nursing credits including:

- Nursing science
- Advanced nursing theory development and validation
- Discipline of nursing

Nursing Research Methods: 12 or more nursing credits including:

- Quantitative Methods in nursing
- Qualitative Methods in nursing
- Biostatistics

Cognates: ~~15 or more credits outside of the discipline of nursing which support the selected dissertation topic.~~ All PhD students (BSN-PhD and MSN-PhD) are required to take a minimum of 9 credit hours of cognates. BSN-PhD students must also take 6 credit hours of electives. The advisor must approve the cognate to ensure it meets the College of Nursing guidelines.

Dissertation: Minimum is 12 credits.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale Correction to PhD cognates.