

University of Missouri-St Louis
Graduate Program Profile
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing

Degree Program

A minimum of 72 credit hours, including 12 for dissertation research. Up to 30 approved MSN hours are eligible for transfer. The program is designed as a full-time three-year, 45 units post-master's program, or as a full-time four-year 72 units post-baccalaureate program, but part-time study is also possible.

Areas of Study: Nursing Science and Theory, Nursing Research Methods and Statistics, Cognates or Support Courses and Dissertation.

Coursework: Includes 15-25 hours in Nursing Theory, Science, and Modes of Inquiry, 9-12 hours in quantitative and qualitative research methods and philosophical foundations of science, and 9-12 hours in cognates outside of the College of Nursing.

Comprehensive Examination: a written and oral examination covering the entire field of nursing.

Dissertation: All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

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Program Website

<http://www.umsl.edu/~nursing/academic/doctorate/index.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html> and a supplemental Nursing application and statement of purpose.

2. Supplemental Nursing Application Materials

a. Complete the Nursing Application at:

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/nursing/pdf/doctorate/PhD%20Supplemental%20Application.pdf>

b. Complete a statement of purpose

3. Two letters of recommendation

From individuals who can attest to the applicant's likely success in graduate work.

3. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate and master's degree at the time they begin the program.

4. Entrance examinations

a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).

b. International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).

5. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale from an accredited BNS program or minimum of a a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale from an accredited MSN program.

6. Original essay

1-2 page description of the applicantss research plans

7. Background coursework

Graduate level descriptive/inferential statistics course

8. Interview

Applicants may be invited to interview.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials for Fall admission is April 1 for Fall semester admission only. Applications received after the deadline may be considered if space is available.

Application Fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

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