

**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 eligibility 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.

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.

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. 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 with a 3.5 GPA in the Master's degree.

6. Original essay

Please describe your professional goals and research interests

7. Interview

Applicants may be invited to interview.

Application Deadline

The deadlines for receipt of all admission materials for Fall admission are April 1 and July 1; for Spring admission the application deadline is December 1. Applications are processed as they are submitted.

Application Fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

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