

# UM-ST. LOUIS GRADUATE SCHOOL

## 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>.

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 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale from an accredited MSN program.

#### 6. Original essay

1-2 page description of the applicant's 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)

### Graduate Program Director

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