Doctoral 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.

Program Website
http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/nursing/Academic%20Programs/Doctoral%20Degrees/index.html

Application Requirements
1. Application
   http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html

2. Supplemental Nursing Application Materials
   a. Complete the Nursing Application at:
      https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing_apps/login.cfm
      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 by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

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**
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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