

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Nursing

Degree Program

- MSN to Ph.D. Applicants:
 - MSN to Ph.D. students complete a minimum of 45 post-MSN credit hours and an additional 12 credit hours of dissertation. These 57 credit hours, in addition to 15 credit hours earned from Master's level work, equal the 72 credit hours required for a Ph.D.
- BSN to Ph.D. Applicants:
 - BSN to Ph.D. students complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of graduate-level course work and an additional 12 credit hours of dissertation, which equal the 72 total credit hours required for the Ph.D. program.
- Part-time study is available for either program (MSN-PhD or BSN-PhD).
- Classes are offered online using asynchronous and synchronous methods.

Areas of Study: Nursing Science, Theory and Discipline of Nursing, Nursing Research Methods, Cognates and/or Electives, and Dissertation.

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://umsl.edu/go/Nursing-PhD>

Admission Criteria

1. Complete UMSL Graduate School application : <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Complete Ph.D. Nursing Supplemental Application Form through NURSINGCAS https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing_apps/phd_check.cfm
3. Personal statement indicating overview of professional experiences, motivation and goals for pursuing a doctoral degree, short and long-term professional goals and proposed research focus. (approximately 1 page)
4. Four essays of no more than 300 words each addressing your leadership, understanding and commitment to learning, involvement in activities that give meaning to life, and experience with diversity.
5. Current CV/Resume outlining previous education, work/volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, honors and awards
6. Submit official transcripts for all prior higher education work to the Graduate School office
7. Two letters of Reference
8. Graduation from a nationally accredited baccalaureate or master's nursing program with a 3.25 minimum GPA (4.0 scale)
9. A copy of your RN license issued by your U.S. state of residence or country of residence
10. Entrance examinations
 - a. International applicants must meet minimum requirements on tests of written and spoken English (TOEFL, Minimum IBT score of 79 or better is desired). International students may reach out to the International Student & Scholar Services (ISS) office for questions regarding these materials at iss@umsl.edu .

Application Deadline

Early Acceptance Deadline: January 15

After January 15: Rolling Admissions until class is full

International Students: January 15: Given the time required to process international applications, *all international applicants must apply by the priority deadline of January 15 for admission consideration.* Applications submitted after January 15 will be considered for

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admission in the same or subsequent academic year, depending on the processing time needed.

Application Fee

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

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