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Title of Degree, Minor, or Certificate Program: Doctor of Philosophy

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• Design, conduct and disseminate a dissertation that contributes to nursing knowledge.
• Translate nursing research into practice and policy.
• Assume leadership roles in health care by collaborations and partnerships with institutions in the greater St. Louis region.
• Improve the health care quality of life of individuals/families/communities regionally, nationally and internationally.

Admission Requirements
The deadline for Ph.D. applications for admission is April 1. Admission may be considered at a later date depending on space. Applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Graduation from a nationally accredited baccalaureate program with 3.2 minimum GPA (4.0) scale. (post-BSN track) OR from a nationally accredited master’s program with a 3.5 minimum GPA (4.0) scale. (post-MSN track)
- Satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- Graduate level general statistics course within the last five years
- Two letters of reference

We believe admitting students each semester will enhance the recruitment of students and increase enrollment.

Graduate level general statistics course within the last five years is no longer required. Students now take a two course sequence of biostatistics in the PhD Program.

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- Original essay on professional goals and research interests
- Interview by invitation

International applicants must meet minimum requirements on tests of written and spoken English (TOEFL, Minimum 550 or better is desired). International students must also apply through the International Student Services Office.

### Degree Requirements

While each program of study is individualized, Post-BSN students complete a minimum of 77 hours of graduate-level course work. Post-MSN students complete 47 credit hours. A maximum of 30 M.S.N. hours, which support the program of study, are individually evaluated to determine eligibility for the application of candidacy. The overall Ph.D. in nursing program design includes nursing science and theory, research methods and statistics, cognates or support courses and dissertation.

Nursing Science and Theory: 14 or more nursing credits including:

- Nursing science
- Advanced nursing theory development and validation

Nursing Science, Theory, and Discipline of Nursing: 26 or more nursing credits including:

- Nursing science
- Advanced nursing theory development and validation

BSN to PhD students will no longer be awarded a MSN along the way to a PhD

These PhD program curriculum revisions and BSN to PhD with no MSN are proposed based on the recommendations delineated in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (11, 2010). The Research-Focused Doctoral Program in Nursing: Pathways to Excellence. Report from the AACN Task Force on the Research-Focused Doctorate in Nursing. http://www.aacn.nche.edu/publications/position-statements

- These curricular course revisions resulted in a change in the number of hours in the PhD curriculum from 77 to a minimum of 65 hours streamlining the curriculum.
- There is an urgent need in nursing to increase the numbers of graduates prepared with a PhD. (AACN) The BSN to PhD with no MSN is based on the AACN recommendation: “Pathway 2 BSN to PhD. The BSN student would transition immediately into the PhD program…” pg 19.
Nursing Research Methods: 12 or more nursing credits including:

- Quantitative Methods in nursing
- Qualitative Methods in nursing
- Biostatistics

Cognates: 9 or more credits outside of the discipline of nursing which support the selected dissertation topic.

Dissertation: Minimum is 12 credits.

Post BSN students must also complete the core courses in the MSN program as these are prerequisites for the nursing Ph.D. courses. Students who anticipate becoming faculty members are also encouraged to complete the nurse educator functional role (see the MSN Program).

Dissertation: Minimum is 12 credits.