

Nursing, PhD

Applicants to the Ph.D. program will be holistically reviewed using criteria such as GPA, ~~a personal statement, an essay,~~ work/volunteer experiences, ~~professional activities,~~ ~~scholarly writing or projects of any kind,~~ leadership roles, honors, and awards ~~recognitions etc.~~

For those not residing in Missouri or non-Missouri residents: Prospective students are responsible for reviewing the NC-SARA state authorizations page now and throughout their program to see if the UMSL PhD program is authorized in the state in which they reside. <https://online.missouri.edu/about/state-authorization>.

Admission Criteria

- Admission to the University by completing the UMSL Graduate School Application
- Completion of the College of Nursing supplemental application
- Graduation from a nationally accredited baccalaureate or master's nursing program with 3.25 minimum GPA (4.0 scale)
- Completion of a basic undergraduate statistics course

International applicants must meet minimum requirements on tests of written and spoken English (~~79 TOEFL, Minimum iBT score of 79 or better~~ 6.5 IELTS, 53 PTE-A, or 105-110 Duolingo is desired). International students must also apply through the ~~International Student~~ UMSL GLOBAL Services Office.

See the UMSL College of Nursing's website for the application process and specific program deadlines.

Degree Requirements

~~While each program of study is individualized,~~ There are 66 credits required to complete the degree. BSN to Ph.D. students complete a minimum of ~~60~~ 48 credit hours of graduate-level course work, 6 credit hours of electives, and an additional 12 credit hours of dissertation, ~~which equal the 72 total credit hours required for the Ph.D. program.~~ 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.~~ plus 9 credit hours are earned from Master's level work.

Nursing Science, Theory, and Discipline of Nursing:

NURSE 6424	Social Determinants of Health for Underserved Populations	3
NURSE 7200	State of the Science in Nursing Research and Practice	3
NURSE 7403	Development of the Nurse Scientist	3
NURSE 7443	Healthcare Policy and Economics	3
NURSE 7481	Development of Nursing Science and Theory	3
NURSE 7491	Advanced Nursing Theory Development and Validation	3
Total Hours		18 15

Nursing Research Methods:

NURSE 7211	Biostatistics I	3
NURSE 7488	Introduction to Qualitative Research Methodologies and Methods	3
NURSE 7212	Biostatistics II	3
NURSE 7490	Advanced Nursing Research Designs and Methods	3
NURSE 7495	Mixed Methods Research in Health Care	3
Select one of the following:		3
NURSE 7497	Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Health Interventions	
NURSE 7213	Biostatistics III—Structural Equation Modeling	
NURSE 7496	Seminar in Advanced Qualitative Research Methods	

NURSE 7955	Research Topics in Nursing and Health: Psychometrics	3
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NURSE 7494	Research Residency	3
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All Ph.D. students (BSN to Ph.D. and MSN to Ph.D.) are required to take 3 credit hours of research residency with a faculty member. The advisor must approve the residency placement to ensure it meets the College of Nursing guidelines.

Total Hours		18
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Advanced Research Methods Course

Select one of the following:		3
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NURSE 7495	Mixed Methods Research in Health Care	
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NURSE 7497	Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Health Interventions	
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NURSE 7213	Biostatistics III - Structural Equation Modeling	
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NURSE 7496	Seminar in Advanced Qualitative Research Methods	
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NURSE 7957	Research Topics in Nursing and Health: Hierarchical Linear Modeling	
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Total Hours		3
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Cognates

All Ph.D. students (BSN to Ph.D. and MSN to Ph.D.) are required to take a minimum of 9 credit hours of cognates in the related area of research. The research⁺. The advisor must approve the cognate to ensure it meets the College of Nursing guidelines.

~~⁺BSN to Ph.D. students must also take 6 credit hours of electives.~~

Dissertation:

NURSE 7499	Dissertation Research	12
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Additional Required Courses for BSN to Ph.D. Students:

NURSE 6111	Healthcare Systems	3
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NURSE 6130	Research, Interventions and Evidence-Based Practice	3
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NURSE 7220	Leadership in Practice	3
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Electives		6
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Total Hours		9
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Justification for request:

Changes due to the Curriculum Alignment Process. Dr. Anne Fish, PhD Program Director, 314-516-7077 and fisha@umsl.edu