

PhD in Nursing

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted each semester depending on space. 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~~). (BSN to PhD track) OR from a nationally accredited master's program with a 3.5 minimum GPA (4.0 ~~scale~~) **or equivalent for non-nurse applicants**. (MSN to PhD track)
- Satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- ~~Graduate level general statistics course within the last five years~~
- Two letters of reference
- 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, BSN to PhD students complete a minimum of 65 hours of graduate-level course work. MSN to PhD students complete 47 credit hours and 18 to 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, Theory, and Discipline of Nursing: 26 or more nursing credits including:

- Nursing science
- Advanced nursing theory development and validation
- Discipline of nursing

Nursing Research Methods: 12 or more nursing credits including:

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

Cognates: 15 or more credits outside of the discipline of nursing which support the selected dissertation topic.

Dissertation: Minimum is 12 credits.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

Senate approved removal of prereq "Graduate level general statistics course within the last five years" in Spring 2013. Other changes are editorial.