

**Graduate Studies: MSN to PhD**  
**FULL-TIME SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY**

YEAR 1 - Fall			YEAR 1 - Spring			YEAR 1 - Summer		
N 7211	Biostatistics I	3	N 6424	Social Determinants of Health	3		Cognates*	6
N 7403	Development of the Nurse Scientist	3	N 7443	Healthcare Policy	3			
N 7481	Nursing Science & Theory	3	N 7488	Qualitative Methods	3			
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Summer Year 1</b>		<b>6</b>
YEAR 2 - Fall			YEAR 2 - Spring			YEAR 2 - Summer		
N 7212	Biostatistics II	3	N 7200	State of the Science	3		Cognates	3
N 7490	Design and Methods	3	N 7495	Mixed Methods in Healthcare	3			
N 7491	Advanced Theory Development	3	Select One*	N 7497	Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Health Interventions	3		
		N 7213		Structural Equation Modeling				
		N 7496		Seminar in Advanced qualitative Methods				
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Summer Year 2</b>		<b>3</b>
YEAR 3 - Fall			YEAR 3 - Spring			YEAR 3 - Summer		
N 7499	Dissertation Research	3	N 7499	Dissertation Research	3			
N 7499	Dissertation Research	3	N 7499	Dissertation Research	3			
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 3</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 3</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours**</b>		<b>57</b>

\* **Note:** Spring Courses N7497, N7213 or Fall Course N7496 - These classes are offered every other odd numbered year.

\*\* **Note:** These 57 credit hours, in addition to the 15 credit hours earned from Master's level work, equal the 72 credit hours required for a PhD.

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- Can move cognates as needed.
- Can spread out dissertation hours across more semesters. To obtain full time credit, the student must enroll in 1 credit of dissertation research and supplement with up to 8 hours of doctoral candidacy credit hours.
- International Students: Full-time status varies by visa. Consult with UMSL International Studies for advising.

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N 7212	Biostatistics II	3	N 6424	Social Determinants of Health	3				
N 7490	Design and Methods	3	N 7200	State of the Science	3				
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 2</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 2</b>		<b>6</b>				
YEAR 3 - Fall			YEAR 3 - Spring			YEAR 3 - Summer			
N 7403	Development of the Nurse Scientist	3	N 7495	Mixed Methods in Healthcare	3				
N 7491	Advanced Theory Development	3	N 7497	Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Health Interventions	3				
			N 7213						Structural Equation Modeling
			N 7496						Seminar in Advanced qualitative Methods
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 3</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 3</b>		<b>6</b>				
YEAR 4 - Fall			Year 4 - Spring			Year 4 - Summer			
	Cognates	6		Cognates	3				
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 4</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 4</b>		<b>3</b>				
YEAR 5 - Fall			Year 5 - Spring			Year 5 - Summer			
N 7499	Dissertation Research	3	N 7499	Dissertation Research	3				
N 7499	Dissertation Research	3	N7499	Dissertation Research	3				
<b>Total Credit Hours Fall Year 5</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours Spring Year 5</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Total Credit Hours**</b>	<b>57</b>		

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