Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska, applicants to the PhD program in the College of Nursing must meet College of Nursing requirements. These additional requirements include:

1. Complete transcripts from all colleges and universities attended —
   showing:
   • Traditional PhD applicants: MSN degree from NLNAC or CCNE-
     accredited school — or equivalent for non-nurse applicants. GPA
     of 3.2 or higher.
   • BSN to PhD applicants: BSN degree from NLNAC or CCNE-
     accredited school — or equivalent for non-nurse applicants. GPA
     of 3.2 or higher.
2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores
   GRE scores are required for BSN-PhD applicants and will be waived
   for MSN-PhD applicants with a MSN GPA of 3.2 or above.
3. International students:
   • Equivalent nursing degree(s) and GPA as above
   • Must have successfully passed the NCLEX
   • Must be legally licensed to practice nursing in one of the 50
     states
   • Must be legally licensed to practice nursing in the state where
     you will do data collection/research
   • Must provide evidence you have the equivalent of a master’s
     degree in nursing
   • TOEFL scores — minimum 213 on computer-based test or 80 on
     internet-based test.
   • IELTS scores - the band score minimum is 6.5 to 7.0
4. Statement of educational and professional goals and area of research
   interest
   Typed, double-spaced and no longer than three pages.
5. A current curriculum vitae
6. Three letters of recommendation
   Preferably from persons holding a doctorate.
   • Two academic references, including one reference describing
     your research ability from the program where you obtained your
     masters degree.
   • One professional performance reference.
7. Two examples of scholarly writing
   For example:
   • Published research paper. If a co-authored publication, please
     include a statement detailing your percent of responsibility for
     work written.
   • Other published work.
   • An excerpt from a research project or thesis from your masters
     program.
8. General congruence of research interests
   Your scholarly research interests should be similar to those of a
   doctoral faculty advisor(s).
9. Disclosure statement
   A form will be provided.
10. Online application and application fee
11. RN licensure

In the state(s) where you’ll do data collection/research requirements, if applicable to your program of study,
   • Must have successfully passed the NCLEX
   • Must be legally licensed to practice nursing in one of the 50
     states
12. An interview
   With doctoral faculty members whose research interests match
   yours and at least one member of the doctoral subcommittee of the
   Graduate committee. A telephone conference can be arranged if you
   are a distance student.

Final selections will be made from the pool of qualified applicants based
on a match of career and research goals with program / University
resources.

Online Application
Applicants complete an online application through the Centralized
Application Service for Nursing Programs (NursingCAS) at:
http://nursingcas.org

Supplemental materials will be completed by the applicant and sent
directly to the College of Nursing. Applicants are responsible for ensuring
that all required documents are received by the published deadlines.
Applicants and supplemental materials received by the published
deadlines will be given full consideration.

Admission Deadlines
PhD students are admitted once annually

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April 15
• Online application deadline, this includes receipt by NursingCas of all
  transcripts and letters of reference
• Supplemental materials must be received by College of Nursing
• Although deadline is April 15, applications will be reviewed and
  contacted for an interview once all materials are complete.