

NURSING (PHD)

Curriculum

Graduate Committee

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The PhD program in Nursing prepares nurse scientists in promoting and managing health of at-risk populations or those with chronic conditions; health systems and quality; or nursing education. There are two tracks 1) MSN to PhD and 2) BSN to PhD.

The BSN to PhD track was created expressly for academically strong BSN graduates who want to be educators and researchers. Students must be full-time and can complete their PhD degree in 4.5 to 5 years without all the clinical requirements of the MSN program. All features and benefits of the traditional PhD program apply, including faculty advisor support and mentoring.

All students are encouraged to take education courses and the teaching practicum and/or work as a graduate teaching assistant for at least one semester. A minimum of 62 credit hours is required for the PhD in Nursing. Graduate-level electives (courses from other disciplines and/or nursing in areas of concentration) are required to support a student's area of research interest. Responsible Conduct of Research is integrated into existing core courses. In addition, students are required to participate in departmental research seminars.

PhD Curriculum

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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PhD Nursing Core Courses (33 credits)

NRSG 909	HEALTH CARE POLICY	3
NRSG 917	STATE OF THE SCIENCE (This course must be taken twice; total of 6 cr)	6
NRSG 930	SOCIALIZATION TO THE SCHOLARLY ROLE	3
NRSG 931	TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP	3
NRSG 932	PHILOSOPHY OF NURSING SCIENCE	3
NRSG 933	THEORY DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH SCIENCES	3
NRSG 934	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	3
NRSG 935	QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	3
NRSG 936	RESEARCH PRACTICUM	3
NRSG 937	PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH SCIENCES	3

Statistics Courses (6 credits)

BIOS 806	BIOSTATISTICS	3
BIOS 808	BIOSTATISTICS II	3

Electives (9 credits) 9

Students will work with their Supervisory Committee to determine the appropriate elective courses

NOTE: All PhD nursing core courses, statistics courses, and electives must be completed prior to taking comprehensive exam

Other Required Courses

NRSG 998	DOCTORAL SEMINAR (This course must be taken twice; total of 2 cr)	2
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NRSG 999	DOCTORAL DISSERTATION (NRSG 999 is variable credits per course - minimum of 12 credit hours required)	12
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Optional Electives (4 out of 5 electives should be dual listed with graduate studies except NRSG 916)

NRSG 910	HEALTH-RELATED INSTRUMENT CONSTRUCTION & EVALUATION	3
NRSG 914	MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC ILLNESSES	3
NRSG 923	RURAL HEALTH: PRACTICE, POLICY AND RESEARCH	3
NRSG 916	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING SCIENCE	1-6
NRSG 928	TRANSLATIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY OUTCOMES RESEARCH	3

Responsible Conduct in Research (RCR) / Ethics Training - built into curriculum

NOTE: Students entering the PhD program without an MSN must complete additional credit hours of coursework: EPI 820; NRSG 854; NRSG 809; NRSG 901; NRSG 892; and NRSG 893. If the student does not have any clinical experience, they must also complete NRSG 898. The Supervisory Committee Chair initiates planning for the comprehensive examination near the end of the student's course work. Contact the PhD Program Director for more information.