

ADMISSION

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. **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
3. **Statement of educational and professional goals and area of research interest**
Typed, double-spaced and no longer than three pages.
4. **A current curriculum vitae**
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **General congruence of research interests**
Your scholarly research interests should be similar to those of a doctoral faculty advisor(s).
8. **Disclosure statement**
A form will be provided.
9. **Online application and application fee**
10. **RN licensure**
In the state(s) where you'll do data collection/research requirements, if applicable to your program of study.

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11. 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> (<http://www.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**

PhD Program	Application Opens	Application Due	Program Start
BSN to PhD and MSN to PhD	September 1	April 15 or until class is filled	August

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.