Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science Program

Further your education in the profession you love...

The University Of Delaware School Of Nursing Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Science program prepares researchers and academic faculty for positions in college, university and clinical settings.

Graduates are prepared to:

- Advance the art and science of nursing and to assume leadership positions in the profession
- Take responsibility for shaping and advancing healthcare, with a goal of improving individual, family and population health through the integration of theory, research, and evidence-based practice

Outstanding Features

- Competitive graduate assistantships including stipend, tuition waiver & health care benefits for full-time students
- Area of study defined by applicant’s fit with research expertise of Nursing and Interdisciplinary faculty
- Interdisciplinary resources at UD and Delaware Health Sciences Alliance campuses of A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Christiana Care Health Systems, and Thomas Jefferson University
- Breadth of curriculum ranging from nursing research in bio-behavioral and clinical sciences to health services
- School of Nursing areas of research emphasis:
  - Health promotion and risk reduction across the life span
  - Health systems management, policy and education
  - Management of chronic conditions
- First PhD in Nursing Science program in the State of Delaware
- Individualized attention in small cohort of students
- Immersion in the research process through assistantships on funded studies
- Higher education in nursing course content paired with teaching assistantships
- Full-time study allows completion of coursework, comprehensive exams and dissertation in three to four years.
- Seven years allotted for part-time students to complete requirements

www.udel.edu/nursing/graduates/phd
General Course information

Core Courses (13 credits):
• NURS 810: Philosophical & Theoretical Basis of Nursing Science
• NURS 833-835: Nurse Scientist Special Seminar Topics I, II, III
• NURS 841: Philosophical & Theoretical Basis of Nursing Education
• NURS 842: Nursing Higher Education: Structure, Process & Outcomes
• NURS 850: Dissertation Proposal Seminar

Research/Methods/Analysis Courses (16 credits):
• Statistics from ED, PSYCH, SOC
• NURS 812: Responsible Conduct of Research (online)
• NURS 814: Advanced Quantitative Research in Nursing Science
• NURS 816: Advanced Qualitative Research in Nursing Science
• Research Methodology Course (offered by other departments, relevant to student’s research focus)

Cognate electives (12 credits)

Dissertation (9 credits)
• NURS 969: Doctoral Dissertation

Admission requirements & Criteria

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 3 credits undergraduate and 3 credits graduate level statistics and will adhere to the University’s Office of Graduate Studies procedures using the online admission process accessible at: www.udel.edu/gradoffice/apply.

- BSN from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.0)
- MS in nursing or other health related discipline from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.5)
- Graduate Record Examination (within the last 5 years)
- Active Registered Nurse license
- Written statement of goals & objectives
- Three letters of recommendation
- A curriculum vitae or resume
- An interview with PhD program coordinator and/or Program Committee member prior to admission

The School of Nursing PhD Program Committee makes an admission decision after reviewing the completed application.

Application Deadline: February 1st

- Admission decisions anticipated by March 1st for entry of fall cohort of students
- Acceptance of offer of admission must be made by April 30th for entry of fall cohort of students

“The UD PhD in Nursing Science program has strengthened my resolve to be a life-long learner. There is so much that we, as nurse scholars, have to contribute to our profession and the body of nursing knowledge.”
- Robbi Alexander

“Somebodies Saw Somebody”

Robbi K. Alexander, RN

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