



Stewarding the Discipline of Nursing

The focus of the University of Massachusetts Worcester Graduate School of Nursing PhD program is on the development and transformation of scholars who will lead the discipline of nursing. Our goal is to help students to expand their horizons through seeking new phenomena, raising further questions for scientific inquiry, applying qualitative and quantitative research methods and fulfilling their professional responsibility to nursing and society. Our program is influenced by the cognitive philosophy of Bernard Lonergan, a Canadian philosopher. We engage the emerging scholar in a transformative process of wonder and discovery, self-reflection, critical thinking and genuine dialogue with other students and faculty. We emphasize the need for scholarship that addresses the broader conditions that influence human health.

The PhD program meets the standards established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) for research-focused doctoral programs. Graduates will have a strong foundation in nursing inquiry and be prepared to assume investigator, academic, and leadership roles.

There are two pathways to the PhD in Nursing
BS to PhD (73 credits)
MS to PhD (57 credits)

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BS to PhD Curriculum Total Academic Credits 73 (minimum)

Fall Semester Year One		Spring Semester Year One		Summer Session Year One	
N603A	Societal Forces 3cr	N603B	IP Community Service Learning Practicum .5cr (continues from Fall)	N814	Genomics in Clinical Practice & Research 3cr
N603B	IP Community Service Learning Practicum .5cr (goes Fall through Spring)	N614	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 3cr		
N613	Advanced Pathophysiology 3cr	N704	Epidemiology 3cr		
N604	Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice 3cr				
Fall Semester Year Two		Spring Semester Year Two		Summer Session Year Two	
N800	History and Philosophy of Nursing Science 3cr	N802	Quantitative Methods in Nursing Research 3 cr	N804	Survey Methods and Measurement in Health Research 3cr
N801	Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing 3cr	N803	Theory: Critical Analysis and Application 3cr		
N810	PhD Practicum (consult with advisor) 1cr	N815	Statistical Analysis of Data 3cr		
Fall Semester Year Three		Spring Semester Year Three		Summer Session Year Three	
N707	Biomedical Informatics 3 cr	N813	Research Reviews and Grant Writing 2cr	N888	Comprehensive Examination
N706	Health Policy 3cr	N890	Advanced Statistics 3 cr		
Fall Semester Year Four		Spring Semester Year Four			
N809	Dissertation Seminar	N809	Dissertation Seminar		
N899	Dissertation Credits 9cr	N899	Dissertation Credits 9cr		

IMPORTANT NOTE: In addition to the above CORE course work, BS to PhD STUDENTS MUST TAKE AT LEAST TWO 3 CREDIT ELECTIVES. Electives may be taken concurrently in any semester after approval by the student's faculty advisor.

MS to PhD Curriculum Total Academic Credits 57 (minimum)

Fall Semester Year One		Spring Semester Year One		Summer Session Year One	
N800	History and Philosophy of Nursing Science 3cr	N802	Quantitative Methods in Nursing Research 3cr	N804	Survey Methods and Measurement in Health Research 3cr
N801	Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing 3cr	N803	Theory: Critical Analysis and Application 3cr		
N810	PhD Practicum (consult with advisor) 1cr	N815	Statistical Analysis of Data (may take prior to matriculation) 3cr		
Fall Semester Year Two		Spring Semester Year Two		Summer Session Year Two	
N707	Biomedical Informatics 3 cr	N813	Research Reviews and Grant Writing 2cr	N814	Genomics (may take prior to matriculation) 3 cr
N706	Health Policy 3cr	N890	Advanced Statistics 3 cr	N888	Comprehensive Examination
Fall Semester Year Three		Spring Semester Year Three			
N809	Dissertation Seminar	N809	Dissertation Seminar		
N899	Dissertation Credits 9cr	N899	Dissertation Credits 9cr		

IMPORTANT NOTE: In addition to the above CORE course work, students must take **AT LEAST TWO 3 CREDIT ELECTIVES**. One elective must be advanced method elective. May be taken concurrently in any semester after approval of the student's faculty advisor.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PhD in Nursing program is based on an overall appraisal of the applicant's ability to undertake doctoral study and of their potential contributions to nursing science. An admission interview is required. Applications to the PhD program will be considered complete when all of the following have been received:

- ◇ Completed on-line application via Nursing CAS
- ◇ Completed Background Questionnaire
- ◇ Completed Admissions Essay
- ◇ Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- ◇ Two letters of recommendation, both must be from doctorally prepared individuals who can evaluate your academic potential
- ◇ Resume

To be sent directly to Graduate School of Nursing:

- ◇ Completed Checklist from website
- ◇ Application fee made payable to the Graduate School of Nursing
- ◇ A notarized proof of residency (all applicants, both Massachusetts Residents and non-residents, must submit)
- ◇ Official GRE Scores with acceptable verbal, quantitative and writing scores (required for all students; official results must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS))
- ◇ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required from international students who have not earned a degree in a country where English is the primary language