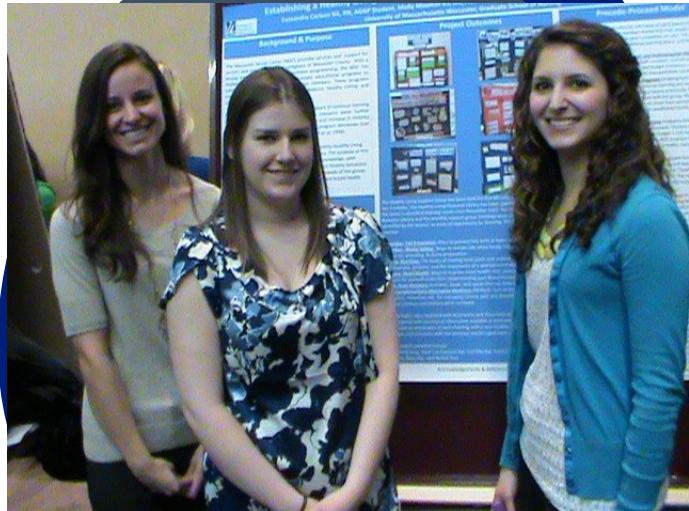
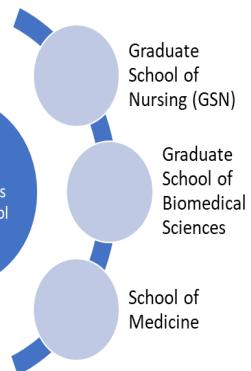


# Graduate School of Nursing

## PhD Program—MS to PhD



The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) is the commonwealth's first and only public academic health sciences center and consists of 3 schools. This association provides for a rich interprofessional environment for learning and practice experiences.



The focus of the UMMS GSN PhD program is on the development and transformation of scholars who will lead the discipline of nursing. Our program is influenced by the cognitive philosophy of Bernard Lonergan. We welcome students to engage in a transformative process of wonder and discovery, self-reflection, critical thinking and genuine dialogue with other students and faculty.

### Why consider the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing PhD program?

- ◊ **Small student to faculty ratio**
- ◊ **Classes scheduled on one day/week**
- ◊ **Average time to graduation 4.5 years**
- ◊ **Access to courses and scholars at all UMass campuses**
- ◊ **90-hour practicum in research, education, or leadership**
- ◊ **Research socialization activities with nationally known visiting scholars**
- ◊ **Cohort model facilitating a cooperative learning process among students**

### PhD Program Pathways:

- ◊ **DNP to PhD (36 credits)**
- ◊ **MS to PhD (45 credits)**
- ◊ **BS to PhD (54 credits)**

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**Year I**

<b>Fall / 20</b>	<b>N 800</b>	<b>History and Philosophy of Nursing Science</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 801</b>	<b>Qualitative Research Methods</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
<b>Spring / 20</b>	<b>N 8XX</b>	<b>Stewarding the Discipline</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 803</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 815</b>	<b>Statistical Analysis of Data</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
<b>Summer / 20</b>	<b>N802</b>	<b>Quantitative Methods</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
		<b><i>Elective</i> (to be completed prior to comprehensive exam)</b>	<b>3 cr</b>

**Year 2**

<b>Fall / 20</b>	<b>N 804</b>	<b>Survey Methods &amp; Measurement in Health Research</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 808</b>	<b>Health Policy</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 897</b>	<b>Seminar: Dissertation Preparation</b>	<b>1 cr</b>
<b>Spring / 20</b>	<b>N 890</b>	<b>Advanced Statistical Analysis of Data</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
	<b>N 813</b>	<b>Research Reviews and Grant Writing</b>	<b>2 cr</b>
	<b>N xxx</b>	<b>Seminar: Responsible Conduct of Research</b>	<b>1 cr</b>
<b>Summer / 20</b>		<b><i>Elective</i> (to be completed prior to comprehensive exam)</b>	<b>3 cr</b>

**ELECTIVES** (Minimum of 6 graduate elective credits, 3 credits must be an advanced methods elective)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>N 810</b>	<b>PhD Practicum</b>	<b>1 cr</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>N 888</b>	<b>Comprehensive Exam</b>	<b>0 cr</b>

**Year 3**

<b>DISSESSRATION</b> (6 credits minimum, register for 3 credits every semester until defense of dissertation study)			
<b>Date:</b>	<b>N 898</b>	<b>Seminar: Dissertation Proposal:</b> (until proposal defended)	<b>1 cr</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>N 899</b>	<b>Dissertation Credits</b>	<b>3 cr</b>
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**TOTAL CREDITS: 45** (minimum required for graduation)

\* Recipients of the NFLP are also required to complete 6 credits of graduate level education content prior to graduation.