

| FEATURES | UMass Amherst | UMass Boston | UMass Lowell | UMass Dartmouth | UMass Worcester |
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| Focus | <p>Self/symptom management health and chronic illness</p> <p>Social justice, vulnerable populations and health disparities</p> <p>Informatics and technology, healthcare quality and safety, healthcare systems</p> <p>Addiction science</p> <p>*Students work with identified faculty</p> | <p>Conceptual model of Nursing, Population Health, and Policy</p> <p>Tagline: Enhancing Health Equity and Quality: Populations and Policies</p> | Health Promotion | Education and Chronic Illness | <p>Pedagogy inspired by Bernard Lonergan</p> <p>*individualized program of study complemented by intensive mentorship model</p> |
| Pathways/Credits (cr) | <p>BS-PhD - 78cr*</p> <p>MS-PhD -57cr</p> <p>*At 31 credits can apply for MS</p> | <p>*BS to PhD – 81 cr</p> <p>MS to PhD – 60 cr</p> <p>*At 30 credits can apply for MS</p> | MS to PhD – 48 cr | <p>BS to PhD – 73 cr</p> <p>MS to PHD – 52 cr</p> | <p>BS to PhD – 73 cr</p> <p>MS to PhD – 57 cr</p> |
| Class Format | In person and synchronous distance | In person and blended | Online and weekend blended | In person , one online day per month; synchronous distance available | In person only; three semesters required each year |
| Class Dates | Tuesdays | Mondays, Wednesdays | Weekend blended format- first Saturday of the month | Tuesdays | Tuesdays |
| Electives | <p>Advanced methods elective</p> <p>2 cognate electives</p> | Moving to 5 electives model | 1 required – advanced methods or essential content for thesis topic | 1 required – advanced method or essential content | 2 electives required ; 1 must be an advanced |

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| | | | | | method elective and 1 essential content or teaching skills preparation |
| Comprehensive/Qualifying Examination | Written comprehensive exam offered at the end of first year of MS to PhD course work. Created and reviewed by the appointed comps committee | Written comprehensive exam after completion of ALL course work other than a proposal prep course NU791: 2 papers in publishable format (one conceptual, one methodological) linked to program objectives – students have 4 weeks to complete: Chair and second reader chosen by student; one standard reader to maintain fair process. Oral examination follows written exam | Written comprehensive exam after completion of ALL course work; 2 written papers (1 conceptual/theoretical; 1 methodological issue; 1 integrative review) | Written Qualifying Exam upon completion of 1 st year course work; written paper (theoretical/philosophical underpinnings of chosen areas of research) | Written comprehensive exam required after completion of ALL course work/ 3 essay questions linked directly with program objectives; 1 week to complete the exam; 6 faculty review exam; offered in August, October and January |

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| Dissertation | Dissertation follows Graduate school guidelines, typical conducted during year 3 and year 4 of full time study. Student choice between traditional chapter dissertation and minimum of 3 publishable manuscript formats. | Traditional Chapter Dissertation | Student choice between traditional chapter dissertation or minimum of 2 publishable manuscript format | Traditional 5 chapter dissertation (required by UML Graduate Program) in process of trying to change policy | Hybrid format: traditional proposal, executive summary and PPT presentation; student required to complete and submit dissertation findings as a publishable manuscript prior to graduation |
| Dissertation Committee | Follows Graduate School Guidelines: 2 CON and one interdisciplinary member, may also invite an outside the university member | All have interdisciplinary member – often outside UMASS system | At least 3 members: Chair from SON, second member from SON or other 5 UMass campuses, third outside of SON recommended interdisciplinary | May have an interdisciplinary member but it is not required | 3 committee members, Chair must be from GSN, most have interdisciplinary committee member- often one member outside UMass system |
| Number of PhD Students in the Program over the past 5 years | | 35-40 | | 25-30 | 28-30 |
| Time to graduation over the past 5 years | | | | | |

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| <i>MS to PhD</i> <i>BS to PhD</i> | | 4.5 years 5.5 years | | | 4.2 years 5.7 years |