Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (BSN-PhD)

About This Program

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program is built on a foundation of prior nursing education and prepares the student for original research and theory development. The PhD in Nursing Program prepares nurse scientists to meet the health needs of a rapidly changing, culturally diverse society and improve human health outcomes by innovating nursing practice, testing healthcare innovations, and conducting responsible health-related research.

The PhD in Nursing Program offers two routes of entry: BSN-PhD or MSN-PhD.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will be able to synthesize theoretical and empirical health-related knowledge from nursing and other disciplines.
2. Upon completion, students will be able to conduct responsible original health-related research.
3. Upon completion, students will be able to evaluate resources and strategic health priorities to advance a program of research
4. Upon completion, students will be able to analyze local, national, and global social, economic, environmental, ethical, cultural, and health care issues and policies related to a program of research.
5. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate evidence-based leadership and teaching.
6. Upon completion, students will be able to disseminate health-related knowledge developed from original research.

Admissions Criteria

The applicant for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing with BSN entry must meet the general requirements of graduate admissions (https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/) and have a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (from a program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or proof of equivalent education at a foreign institution. Applicants must submit official transcripts from each college or university attended.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following additional criteria.

- A faculty member agrees to be the student's advisor and future dissertation chair.
- Evidence of current professional nursing licensure/registration in at least one political jurisdiction, evaluated by Associate Dean or designee. Licensure/registration must be maintained throughout the program. If a PhD student is going to perform direct patient care activities or supervise students in clinical agencies, he or she will be required to obtain an RN license in Texas or a compact state.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION BSN ENTRY

For unconditional admission the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for all bachelor's coursework.
- Completion of a graduate level statistics course from an accredited college or university of 3 or more credit hours with a minimum grade of B.
- An interview scoring in the 75th percentile or higher on rating scale, evaluated by the Admissions Committee.
- A written statement of goals scoring in the 75th percentile or higher on rating scale, evaluated by Admissions Committee.
- Two years of clinical experience is recommended.

PROBATIONARY ADMISSION BSN ENTRY

The Nursing PhD program may offer probationary admission to applicants meeting the following criteria. When on probation, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the first two semesters of enrollment in the graduate program.

- A minimum 3.0 - 3.49 GPA on a 4.0 scale for all bachelor's coursework.
- Completion of a graduate level statistics course from an accredited college or university of 3 or more credit hours with a minimum grade of B.
- An interview scoring in the 70th percentile or higher on rating scale, evaluated by the Admissions Committee.
- A written statement of goals scoring in the 70th percentile or higher on rating scale, evaluated by Admissions Committee.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Applicants who are unable to supply all required documentation prior to the admission deadline but who otherwise appear to meet admission requirements may be admitted provisionally.

DEFERRED STATUS

Deferred decision is granted when a file is incomplete or when a denied decision is not appropriate.

DENIAL OF ADMISSION

An applicant will be denied admission if he/she has less than satisfactory performance on a majority of admission criteria listed in the table below. The PhD Admissions Committee will make a recommendation for denial.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

All UT Arlington nursing students enrolled in clinical course(s) will be required to provide verification of medical insurance coverage that includes Emergency Department evaluation and follow-up treatment for needle-stick and blood borne disease exposure. This mandatory clinical requirement has been authorized by The University of Texas System Board of Regents.

As such, UT Arlington will not cover initial and follow up treatment for needle-stick injuries and/or exposure to blood borne diseases which may occur while students are enrolled in clinical courses.

While the UT Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation recognizes the financial impact this clinical requirement presents for students, we also support the need for students to have health coverage for sudden illness, accidents, emergencies and exposure treatments that may occur in the clinical setting in a variety of clinical agencies.

FEES

Course fee information is available at www.uta.edu/fees. Additional costs beyond tuition, fees and books that may be incurred by a nursing student will include those items listed on the CONHI website. In addition, some clinical agencies charge a nominal fee for parking passes.

E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

Each student will be provided a UT Arlington e-mail address. Official communications from the College of Nursing will be distributed to this e-mail address and learning management system accounts required by many courses. Students will be held responsible for information distributed in this manner.

Curriculum

Students are required to have each semester's planned program approved by the Research Mentor and Graduate Advisor before registration.

BSN ENTRY

Core Master's Courses

NURS 5363	PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	3
NURS 5365	TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES FOR POPULATION AND SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT	3
NURS 5388	STATISTICS FOR HEALTH CARE	3
KINE 6293	GRANT WRITING	2
Total Hours		**11**

ALL PHD STUDENTS

Core Courses

NURS 6301	THEORY IN NURSING SCIENCE	3
NURS 6302	ISSUES IN STUDYING THE HEALTH OF CULTURALLY DIVERSE AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS (Complete 6 hours of the following: 6102 and/or 6203)	6
NURS 6304	MEASUREMENT IN HEALTH RESEARCH	3
NURS 6305	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH	3
NURS 6306	RESEARCH DESIGN	3
NURS 6308	STATE OF THE SCIENCE	3
NURS 6318	PARAMETRIC STATISTICS FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH	3
NURS 6319	PSYCHOMETRIC AND NONPARAMETRIC STATISTICS FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH	3
NURS 6381	RESEARCH PRACTICUM	3
NURS 6382	HEALTH CARE POLICY	3
Electives (Individual Area of Study)		
Electives may be taken in area of concentration or in other departments and may use the following course designators. Consider certification tracks.		14

NURS 6170	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING	
& NURS 6270	and INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING	
& NURS 6370	and INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING	
& NURS 6470	and INDEPENDENT STUDY IN NURSING	
NURS 6190	SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING	
& 6190	and SPECIAL TOPICS IN NURSING	
& NURS 6290	and TOPICS IN NURSING	
& NURS 6390	and TOPICS IN NURSING	
& NURS 6490	and TOPICS IN NURSING	
Dissertation		
Select from the following (minimum 9 SCH):		9
NURS 6399	DISSERTATION	
NURS 6699	DISSERTATION	
NURS 6999	DISSERTATION	
NURS 7399	DOCTORAL DEGREE COMPLETION	
Total Hours		**56**

Program Completion

ACADEMIC STANDING

To graduate from the PhD program, the student must have a 3.0 GPA.

1. Student who does not earn at least a B in a course or independent study is required to submit to graduate advisor an evaluation of his or her engagement in the course, reason for less than satisfactory performance, and plan to acquire knowledge and skills to continue.
2. Student who earns a second course or independent study grade that is C or lower will be dismissed from the program

PROGRAM MILESTONES

Diagnostic Evaluation

Before the completion of the first 18 hours beyond appropriate master's level coursework to assess progress and potential for completion.

Comprehensive Examination

Examination scheduled no earlier than during the last nine hours of coursework. It may also be scheduled after all coursework and research tools are completed. Guidelines for the comprehensive examination are available in the PhD Student Handbook.

Proposal Defense

Dissertation Committee reviews the study proposal and meets with the student privately to approve or not approve the proposal.

Dissertation Defense

Open meeting during which student presents study findings and responds to questions posed by the dissertation committee and other attendees. Successful defense of the dissertation is the final step toward completion of the doctoral degree.

Advising Resources

Graduate nursing students will be assigned a degree plan once admitted to the program. They are encouraged to make phone, in-person, or virtual appointments as needed to discuss their academic progression.

Location:

554 Pickard Hall

Email:

msnadvising@uta.edu

Phone:

817-272-2776

Web:

Graduate Nursing Advising Information (https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/student-resources/advising-grad-nursing/)