

Objectives

Graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Synthesize and critically evaluate the literature of nursing and related fields to identify issues and critical gaps in scientific nursing knowledge.
2. Make significant original contributions to scientific nursing knowledge through the interdisciplinary and independent conduct of basic and clinical research.
3. Contribute to the development of scientific methodology for nursing research congruent with the broad concerns of the discipline (physiological, biobehavioral, spiritual, and psychosocial).
4. Complete research and direct application of findings in an environment characterized by commitment to high standards of ethical conduct, including, truth, honesty, freedom of inquiry and intellectual autonomy.
5. Display readiness for post-doctoral study and early research program development through recognition of high achievement in research and scholarship.
6. Develop and assume roles that facilitate discovery, application, and integration of new nursing knowledge.



Graduate Nursing Doctoral Program

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Specialization Information

The PhD in Nursing prepares nurses for research and faculty roles with a research emphasis on the nursing care of vulnerable and diverse populations.

Nursing faculty believe that education in nursing at the doctoral level prepares advanced nurse clinicians as nurse scientists to discover, understand and critically evaluate the literature in nursing and related fields. Our students apply appropriate principles and procedures to the recognition, evaluation, interpretation and understanding of issues and problems at the forefront of nursing knowledge.

Research programs at the University of North Dakota College of Nursing focus on research of vulnerable and diverse populations. Additionally, the College of Nursing faculty are actively involved in research with interdisciplinary and nursing practice colleagues.

Application Deadline

November 15 for spring admission

April 15 for fall admission

Apply by these dates each calendar year for admission preference.



The program requires access to a computer for all courses. Minimum computer requirements may be found at: www.nursing.und.edu/computer.cfm

Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the University of North Dakota is made to the Graduate School. The online application is found at <http://graduateschool.und.edu>

- Completion of a bachelor's or higher degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program or equivalent nursing preparation.
- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.00 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of at least 3.00 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A = 4.00).
- A minimum TOEFL score of 550 on paper based test or 213 on computer-based test for applicants whose native language is not English.
- An interview.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in graduate courses.
- Graduate Record Examination or Miller's Analogy Test scores.
- A one to two page paper stating research interests and professional goals.
- Evidence of a current, unencumbered RN license.
- Three professional letters of recommendation.
- Resume.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to attend two consecutive semesters on the University of North Dakota campus to meet the residency requirement.

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Curriculum

The total curriculum consists of 90 credit hours post baccalaureate in the following categories:

Statistical Analysis/Analytic Tools (9-12 credits)

Theory and Research (21 credits), including:

- N571 Theoretical Development in Nursing (3)
- N574 Quantitative Nursing Methods (3)
- N575 Qualitative Research (3)
- N573 Research Grantsmanship (3)

Nursing Science (18 credits), including:

- N570 Epistemology & Philosophy of Nursing (3)
- N576 Ethical and Policy Issues (3)
- N572 Vulnerable Diverse Populations (3)

Elective Support (15 credits)

- N590 Research Practicum (3-6)

Functional Component (9/12 credits)

- N566 Curriculum Development (3)
- N567 Teaching Strategies (3)
- N568 Teaching Practicum (2)
- N569 Assessment and Evaluation (3)

Dissertation (18 credits), including:

- N579 Dissertation Seminar (3)
- N999 Dissertation (15)

Note:

- Applicants with earned master's degrees from accredited schools may qualify for up to 36 hours of credit toward the doctoral degree. Credit will be awarded only for courses in which a grade of B or better has been achieved.
- A maximum of 24 credit hours may be transferred for post-masters course work.
- N590 Research Practicum may be added to Statistical Analysis/Analytic tools, Nursing Service, or Elective Support Categories.
- Students must successfully complete a written and oral comprehensive examination prior to advancement to candidacy and approval of the dissertation proposal. Students may apply to take the comprehensive examination upon completion of course work.

*Students may enroll full-time or part-time.

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