

Nursing

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Doctor of Nursing Practice

The College of Nursing offers a post-Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) entry option to the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program to prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, public health nurses and nurse managers. This professional, clinical doctoral program builds on the B.S.N. degree and the practice experience of a Registered Nurse (R.N.). A post MSN entry option is also available. Information about the DNP program, admission requirements and sample curriculum plans may be found on the College of Nursing Web page, www.uknursing.uky.edu.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the PhD program must meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School, as well as the following requirements of the nursing program. An applicant for the BSN entry option must possess a bachelor's degree in nursing from a nationally accredited school; a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.3 or higher, on a 4.0 scale; a Kentucky Registered Nurse license; GRE general test scores are optional but highly recommended; GRE scores are used for competitive funding opportunities, particularly those from the Graduate School; three references; personal interview(s); a goal statement, an example of scholarly written work, and description of clinical experience. An applicant for the MS/MSN entry option must have a master's degree in nursing (MS/MSN) from a nationally accredited school and a 3.3 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale for all master's level work. Satisfactory scores on the GRE general test are optional, but highly recommended; GRE scores are used for competitive funding opportunities, particularly those from the Graduate School. Personal interviews, a goal statement, a writing sample, and three references are required. Applicants for the DNP entry option must have a DNP degree from a nationally accredited program, and a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher on graduate coursework. Applicants must provide a goal statement, a writing sample, participate in interviews, and provide three references. Final admission recommendations are made on a competitive basis.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in nursing requires a minimum of 45 credit hours of course work beyond the master's degree, participation in at least one research project prior to qualifying examinations, plus a minimum of two semesters of residence credit for dissertation research. Written and oral examinations are required to qualify as a degree candidate. There is a final examination for defense of the dissertation research.

Graduate Courses

Nur 620	Problems In Clinical Nursing	(2-6)
Nur 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
Nur 769	Residence Credit For The Doctor's Degree	(0-12)
Nur 770	Philosophical Foundations Of Nursing Practice	(3)
Nur 771	Research Experience	(1)
Nur 776	Special Topics Seminar (Subtitle Required)	(2-4)
Nur 778	Proseminar In Contemporary Health And Nursing Policy Issues	(3)
Nur 779	Doctoral Seminar	(1-3)
Nur 781	Independent Study In Nursing	(1-3)
Nur 790	Knowledge Development In Nursing	(3)
Nur 791	Qualitative Methods In Nursing Research	(3)
Nur 792	Quantitative Methods In Nursing Research	(3)
Nur 793	Measurement Of Nursing Phenomena	(4)
Nur 794	Analysis, Interpretation, And Presentation Of Quantitative Data	(3)