

NURSING, PH.D.

The Ph.D. in Nursing requires 51-60 credit hours.

Please refer to the enrollment requirements for all graduate nursing students.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see <https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/>.

The Ph.D. in Nursing program is delivered in an online format, with both synchronous and asynchronous experiences. Students will be invited to campus 2-4 times per year for intensive interaction with faculty. If students are unable to travel to campus, a synchronous online experience will be offered.

Applicants must have the following credentials:

- Upon admission to the Ph.D. program, students are expected to submit a current unrestricted RN license. International students must submit a nursing license from their home country validated by CGFNS. Even though not required, Ph.D. students are recommended to obtain RN licensure in North Carolina in the event that the license is required for research assignments or, assistantships or dissertation data collection.
- An inferential statistics course within the past five years or permission by the Program Director.
- A bachelor's, master's, or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in nursing from a school accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- In addition to the application materials required by The Graduate School, applicants must submit a 300-word statement of research goals in doctoral program related to promotion of optimal health for ethnic minorities, women, children, or older adults.
- Selected applicants must participate in an interview with Graduate Nursing Faculty.
- Please refer to the preceding enrollment requirements for all graduate nursing students.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 51-60 credit hours; 60 credit hours when students enter with a bachelor's degree in nursing; 51 credit hours when students enter with a master's degree in nursing; 39-51 credit hours when students enter with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Students Entering with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing Degree

Students with a bachelor's degree will take three additional classes, compared to those with a master's or D.N.P., which will provide foundational knowledge for success in the Ph.D. program.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses (21 credits)		
NUR 620	The Business of Healthcare	3
NUR 705	Scientific Approaches to Advance Healthcare	3
NUR 710	Philosophy of Knowledge Development in Nursing	3
NUR 712	Theory Analysis in Nursing Science	3
NUR 782	Health Disparities and Outcomes	3

NUR 783	Advanced Health Policy and Ethics	3
NUR 810	Interventional Strategies to Promote Population Wellbeing	3

Research Methodology and Statistics (18 credits)

NUR 701	Statistical Applications for Nursing Research	3
NUR 702	Statistical Applications for Nursing Research II	3
NUR 703	Qualitative Methods for Nursing	3
NUR 704	Quantitative Research in Nursing	3
NUR 707	Measurement in Nursing and Healthcare Research	3
NUR 804	Advanced Research Methods	3

Electives (6 credits)

Select 6 credits of electives 6

Directed Research (3 credits)

NUR 790	Directed Research	3
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Dissertation (12 credits)

NUR 799	Dissertation	12
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Total Credit Hours 60

Students Entering with a Master's of Science in Nursing Degree

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Required Courses (12 credits)

NUR 710	Philosophy of Knowledge Development in Nursing	3
NUR 712	Theory Analysis in Nursing Science	3
NUR 782	Health Disparities and Outcomes	3
NUR 783	Advanced Health Policy and Ethics	3

Research Methodology and Statistics (18 credits)

NUR 701	Statistical Applications for Nursing Research	3
NUR 702	Statistical Applications for Nursing Research II	3
NUR 703	Qualitative Methods for Nursing	3
NUR 704	Quantitative Research in Nursing	3
NUR 707	Measurement in Nursing and Healthcare Research	3
NUR 804	Advanced Research Methods	3

Electives (6 credits)

Select 6 credits of electives 6

Directed Research (3 credits)

NUR 790	Directed Research	3
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Dissertation (12-18 credits)

NUR 799	Dissertation	12-18
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Total Credit Hours 51

Students Entering with a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

Students who are admitted and enroll in the Ph.D. in Nursing who have completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree may have up to 12 credits of course requirements waived from the 51 total credits required for the Ph.D. Each student's D.N.P. transcript will be evaluated and individualized plans of study indicating the courses to be waived will be developed based on previously completed course work in the student's D.N.P. program.

Required Withdrawal for Ph.D. Students

Students will become academically ineligible to continue if any of the following occur:

- Grades of U, F, or WF for any credit hours.
- Grades of C, C+, or B-in 6 credit hours.
- Degree requirements not completed within the time limit (7 academic years).

Required Milestones*

- Residency (Immersion)
- Plan of Study
- Preliminary Exams
- Research Competency
- Comprehensive Exam (Written & Oral)
- Dissertation Proposal
- Admission to Candidacy
- Dissertation Defense
- Filing the Final Approved Dissertation

* *General information about milestones for doctoral programs is available in Section III (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/#sectioniiiisummaryofgraduateschoolregulationsforallcertificatesanddegreestext>) of the Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/graduate-policies/>) page in the *University Catalog*. For information about how milestones are accomplished for a specific program, please refer to the doctoral program's handbook.*