NURSING - PH.D.
College of Nursing
www.kent.edu/nursing

Examples of Possible Careers*
Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary
- 17.6% much faster than the average
- 72,900 number of jobs
- $75,470 potential earnings

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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
- Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Ph.D. degree in Nursing prepares nurse scientists to develop methods to advance health, health care and the nursing profession. Graduates are expected to lead and promote interprofessional innovative scholarly endeavors and to assume leadership roles in the profession.

Admission Requirements
- Active, unrestricted Ohio registered nurse license (international students need to show proof of legal ability to practice as a registered nurse in country of origin)
- Bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing, or a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, from an accredited program\(^1\) for unconditional admission
- Minimum overall 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores (must be less than five years old at the time of application)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Essay (two pages, single-spaced) addressing the following questions:
  - Why do you want to pursue a Ph.D. in nursing?
  - What are your professional goals?
  - How have you been involved in research, publications and professional presentations?
- Sample of written work
- Three letters of reference from health care professionals or academic faculty members who can speak to the applicant’s professional and academic abilities (two of the three references from doctoral-prepared individuals are preferred)
- Interview
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:\(^2\)
  - Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum78 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 55 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

1 A bachelor’s degree in a closely related health field may be considered if the applicant has a master’s degree in nursing or a D.N.P. degree from an accredited program. A master’s degree in a closely related field may be considered if the applicant has a bachelor’s degree in nursing from an accredited program.

2 International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates from this program will be able to:
1. Generate new knowledge that contributes to the advancement of health, health care and nursing science.
2. Disseminate advances in scientific knowledge.
3. Use collaborative, interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to knowledge generation.
4. Assume leadership roles in health care and education as researchers, educators and advanced clinicians.
5. Serve as stewards of the body of knowledge for the discipline of nursing.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for NURS 80199 for a total of 30 credit hours. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I, and thereafter NURS 80299, each semester, until all requirements for the degree have been met.

Elective courses support the student’s research interest and are selected with the approval of the student’s academic advisor. Two 3 credit hour doctoral level elective courses will supplement the student’s program of study in a substantive area of research or specific method of research, including advanced statistical approaches, or assist the student with career goals following graduation.

**Candidacy Examination**
At the conclusion of coursework, students sit for the candidacy examination. The examination provides the basis for evaluation of the student’s readiness for completing the dissertation. Students must successfully pass candidacy and a proposal defense before beginning dissertation work.

**Graduation Requirements**
- Minimum B grade in all courses.¹
- Passage of the candidacy examination
- Submission and successful defense of a dissertation

¹ If a course must be repeated, the student cannot take other courses that require that course as a prerequisite until the course is successfully retaken. If the student retakes the course and does not earn a minimum B grade, the student may be dismissed from the Ph.D. degree.

**Roadmap**
This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

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¹ For doctoral degree programs, the requirement for a minimum B grade is more stringent than the standard.'