NURSING - PH.D.

College of Nursing
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About This Program
Become a Leader in Nursing Research with Kent State’s Ph.D. Program. The Nursing Ph.D. program provides you with the opportunity to contribute to the field of nursing through research, scholarship and teaching. Read more...

Contact Information
• Student Services: Teresa Adams | tadams27@kent.edu | 330-672-8761
• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

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

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements
• Active, unrestricted U.S. registered nurse license (international students need to show proof of legal ability to practice as a registered nurse in country of origin)
• Bachelor’s or master’s degree in nursing or related field, or a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, from an accredited program
• Minimum overall 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• 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?
  • How have you been involved in professional organizations?
  • What are your research interests?
  • Why are you interested in these research areas?
  • How could research—and specifically your research—in these areas advance science?
• 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:
  • Minimum 560 TOEFL PBT score
  • Minimum 83 TOEFL IBT score
  • Minimum 78 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 55 PTE score
  • Minimum 110 Duolingo English score

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.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Priority deadline: March 1
• Spring Semester
  • Priority deadline: November 1
• Summer Term
  • Priority deadline: March 1

Applications submitted by these deadlines will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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### Nursing Science Electives

- NURS 70739
- NURS 70718
- NURS 70716

### Post-Baccalaureate Requirements

- NURS 70716
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- NURS 70739

Nursing Science Electives, choose from the following: ²

- BSCI 70195
- BSCI 80145
- BST 73011
- BST 83013
- BST 83014
- CI 77001
- COMM 75040
- CULT 89595
- EPI 83018
- EPSY 75524
- HED 81550
- HED 84050
- HPM 72015
- PSYC 70326
- PSYC 71307
- PSYC 80391
- RMS 75533
- RMS 78715
- RMS 78735
- RMS 78745
- RMS 85520
- RMS 85540
- RMS 85550
- SBS 73018
- SBS 73019
- SBS 80030
- SBS 80040
- SBS 80100
- SBS 83010
- SBS 83011
- SOC 72219
- SOC 72221

### SOC 72221

- ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIETY

### SBS 83011

- QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS

### SBS 83010

- QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH

### SBS 80100

- EMERGING ISSUES IN PREVENTION SCIENCE

### SBS 80040

- TRANScribing INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP INTERVIEWS FOR QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

### SBS 80030

- CODING FOR QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

### SBS 73018

- THEORIES OF PREVENTION SCIENCE

### SBS 73019

- METHODS OF PREVENTION SCIENCE

### SBS 30540

- ADVANCED STATISTICS II

### NURS 80199

- DISsertation I ³

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### 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.

### Progression Requirements

- Students who do not earn a minimum B grade in a course must repeat it and cannot take other courses that require that course as a prerequisite until the course is successfully retaken. Students who do not earn a minimum B grade in the second attempt may be dismissed from the Ph.D. degree.

### Graduation Requirements

- Minimum B grade required in all courses to earn the Ph.D. degree.
- Passage of the candidacy examination
- Submission and successful defense of a dissertation

Students with a D.N.P. degree may receive permission to have coursework waived if supported by the appropriate and recent coursework; however, maximum 12 credit hours may transfer to the Ph.D.. The waiver of each prerequisite until the course is successfully retaken. Students who do not earn a minimum B grade in a second attempt 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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Culminating Requirement

- NURS 80199 DISsertation I

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**Minimum Total Credit Hours:** 90

**Program Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Generate new knowledge that contributes to the advancement of health, healthcare and nursing science.
2. Disseminate advances in scientific knowledge.
3. Use collaborative, interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to advance nursing science.
4. Assume leadership roles in healthcare and education as researchers, educators and advanced clinicians.
5. Serve as stewards of the diversity within the body of knowledge for the discipline of nursing.

**Full 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.