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
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• 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
  • Minimum78 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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Post-Baccalaureate Requirements
NURS 70716  INNOVATION AND INTERVENTION RESEARCH  3
NURS 70718  ROLES AND EVALUATION  3
NURS 70739  RESEARCH IN HEALTH DISPARITIES  3

Nursing Science Electives, choose from the following:  6-12
BSCI 70195  SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGY
BSCI 80145  MEDICAL GENOMICS
BST 73011  MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS IN PUBLIC HEALTH
BST 83013  EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNS IN PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH
BST 83014  APPLIED REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC HEALTH DATA
CI 77001  FUNDAMENTALS OF CURRICULUM
COMM 75040  QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION
CULT 89595  SPECIAL TOPICS IN CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS
EPI 83018  OBSERVATIONAL DESIGNS FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH
EPSY 75524  LEARNING THEORIES
HED 81550  APPLIED THEORY IN HEALTH EDUCATION RESEARCH AND PRACTICE
HED 84050  HEALTH BEHAVIOR
HPM 72015  EMERGING ISSUES IN PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
PSYC 70326  CLINICAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 71307  PSYCHOBIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 80391  SEMINAR IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
RMS 75522  BASICS OF QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWING
RMS 75533  INTRODUCTION TO NARRATIVE INQUIRY AND ANALYSIS
RMS 78715  SURVEY DESIGN AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN EDUCATION
RMS 78735  STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING
RMS 78745  HIERARCHICAL LINEAR MODELING
RMS 85520  MIXED METHODS RESEARCH
RMS 85540  GROUNDED THEORY AND PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH
RMS 85550  ETHNOGRAPHY AND CASE STUDY RESEARCH
SBS 73018  THEORIES OF PREVENTION SCIENCE
SBS 73019  METHODS OF PREVENTION SCIENCE
SBS 80030  CODING FOR QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
SBS 80040  TRANSCRIPTION OF QUALITATIVE DATA
SBS 80100  EMERGING ISSUES IN PREVENTION SCIENCE
SBS 83010  QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH
SBS 83011  QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS
SOC 72219  QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIETY
SOC 72221  ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIETY

Culminating Requirement
NURS 80199  DISSERTATION I  30

Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Baccalaureate Students  90
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master's Students  73

1 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.

2 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 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.

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 course will be determined by the relevant academic department. These students may graduate with less than 72 credit hours but no fewer than 60 total credit hours.

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.

Semester One
NURS 70710  HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF NURSING SCIENCE  2
NURS 70711  SCIENTIFIC WRITING  2
NURS 70712  RESEARCH DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS  2
NURS 70713  ADVANCED STATISTICS I  2
Credit Hours  8

Semester Two
NURS 70715  THEORY CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN NURSING  3
NURS 70740  ADVANCED STATISTICS II  3
NURS 70742  ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES  4
NURS 70798 RESEARCH IN NURSING 2
Credit Hours 12
First Summer Term
NURS 70714 LEADERSHIP FOR NURSING SCIENCE 3
NURS 70716 INNOVATION AND INTERVENTION RESEARCH 3
Credit Hours 6
Semester Three
NURS 70741 ADVANCED STATISTICS III 3
NURS 70798 RESEARCH IN NURSING 3
Nursing Science Elective 3
Credit Hours 9
Semester Four
NURS 70718 ROLES AND EVALUATION 3
NURS 70739 RESEARCH IN HEALTH DISPARITIES 3
NURS 70753 DATA SCIENCE AND NURSING 3
Nursing Science Elective 3
Credit Hours 12
Second Summer Term
Nursing Science Elective 3
Credit Hours 3
Semester Five
NURS 70743 ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE METHODS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES 4
Nursing Science Elective 3
Credit Hours 7
Semester Six
NURS 70744 PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT 3
Credit Hours 3
Semester Seven
NURS 80199 DISSERTATION I 15
Credit Hours 15
Semester Eight
NURS 80199 DISSERTATION I 15
Credit Hours 15
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.