

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Nursing

Degree Program

- A minimum of 72 credit hours, including 12 for dissertation research.
- The program is designed for MSN applicants as:
 - A full-time three-year, 54 units post-master's program (supplemented with up to 30 approved MSN transfer hours to equate to 72 total credit hours).
- The program is designed for BSN applicants as:
 - A full-time four-year 72 units post-baccalaureate program.
- Part-time study is available for either program (MSN-PhD or BSN-PhD).
- Classes are offered online using asynchronous and synchronous methods.

Areas of Study: Nursing Science and Theory, Nursing Research Methods and Statistics, Cognates or Support Courses and Dissertation.

Coursework:

- 3-9 hours in research and leadership role
- 12-15 hours in nursing theory, science, and philosophical foundations of science
- 18-21 hours in quantitative and qualitative research methods
- 9-15 hours in electives and cognates outside of the College of Nursing
- 12 hours (minimum) for original research during dissertation study.

Comprehensive Examination: a written and oral examination covering the entire field of nursing.

Dissertation: All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

Program Website: <http://umsl.edu/go/Nursing-PhD>

Application Requirements

1. Application : <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Supplemental Nursing Application Materials
 - a. Complete the NursingCAS Application at: <https://nursingcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login/landingPage>
 - b. Complete a statement of purpose
3. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. From individuals who can attest to the applicant's likely success in graduate work.
4. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. BSN applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree at the time they begin the program.
 - b. MSN applicants must have at least a baccalaureate and master's degree at the time they begin the program.
5. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/tiindex.html>).
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

6. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale from an accredited BNS program or
 - b. OR minimum of a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale from an accredited MSN program.
7. Original essay questions providing an overview of your research interests
 - a. Four essays of not more than 300 words each addressing your leadership, understanding and commitment to learning, involvement in activities that give meaning to life, and experience with diversity.
8. Background coursework
 - a. Statistics course within the past 5 years
9. Interview
 - a. Applicants may be invited to interview.

Application Deadline

International Students: January 15

Early Acceptance Deadline: January 15

After January 15, Rolling Admissions until Class is Full

International: Given the time required to process international applications, all international applicants must apply by the priority deadline of January 15 for admission consideration. Applications submitted after January 15 will be considered for admission in the same or subsequent academic year, depending on the processing time needed.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

PhD Program Director and Program Contacts

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