

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Nursing

Degree Program

- A minimum of 72 credit hours, including 12 for dissertation research.
- Up to 30 approved MSN hours are eligible for transfer.
- The program is designed as a full-time three-year, 45 units post-master's program, or as a full-time four-year 72 units post-baccalaureate program, but part-time study is also possible.

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

Coursework:

- 15-25 hours in Nursing Theory, Science, and Modes of Inquiry
- 9-12 hours in quantitative and qualitative research methods and philosophical foundations of science
- 9-12 hours in cognates outside of the College of Nursing.

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 Nursing Application at: https://apps.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/Nursing_apps/login.cfm
 - 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. 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/ttindex.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
 - a. 1-2 page description of the applicant's research plans
8. Background coursework
 - a. Graduate level descriptive/inferential statistics course
9. Interview
 - a. Applicants may be invited to interview.

Application Deadline

Domestic: The deadline for receipt of all admission materials for Fall admission is April 1. Applications received after the deadline may be considered if space is available.

International: January 15

Application Fee

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

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