

	Doctor of Nursing Practice	Ph.D. in Nursing
Focus	Nursing Practice	Nursing Research
Degree Objectives	To create nursing leaders in interdisciplinary health care teams by providing students with the tools and skills necessary to translate evidence gained through nursing research into practice, improve systems of care, and measure outcomes of patient groups, populations and communities.	To prepare nurse scientists to develop new knowledge for the science and practice of nursing. Graduates will lead interdisciplinary research teams, design, and conduct research studies, and disseminate knowledge for nursing and related disciplines, particularly addressing trajectories of chronic illness and care systems.
Curriculum Focus	Translation of evidence to practice, Transformation of health care, Health care leadership, and Advanced Specialty Practice	Trajectories of Chronic Illness and Care Systems
Core Courses	Evidence Based Practice and Applied Statistics Data Driven Health Care Improvement Financial Management and Budget Planning Effective Leadership Health Systems Transformation	Philosophy of Science & Theory Development Advanced Research Methods Statistics & Data Analysis Longitudinal & Qualitative Research Methods Chronic Illness & Care Systems
Mentored Teaching Experience	optional	Minimum of 140 hours
Clinical Hours	400 minimum within capstone project	None
Capstone Project	Yes	No
Dissertation	No	Yes
Distance Learning/Online Option	Yes	No
Part-time study	Yes. Program designed for working nurses	No
Point of entry	BSN or master's in advanced nursing practice	BSN or MSN (or related master's degree)
Program Length	5 semesters for MSN entry, varies for BSN entry*	four to five years
Credits Required	34 to 94*	57
Employment Opportunities Post Graduation	Health care administration, clinical nurse faculty	Nurse scientist, nursing faculty
GRE Required	Not for students who have an earned master's	Not for students who have an earned Ph.D.
Tuition Waiver **	N/A	Full tuition, fees, and health insurance paid by School of Nursing
Stipend	N/A	Stipend for five years with expectation that students participate in gaining external sponsored support
* Program length and required credits depend on advanced practice specialty selected, 73-94 credits for BSN entry. For MSN entry, 34-41		
**All applicants are encouraged to discuss financial aid options with the School of Nursing Financial Aid Office.		