

# NURSING SCIENCES

## Program Information

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The College of Nursing's Ph.D. program prepares scientists, scholars, advanced practitioners, and leaders in nursing. Comprehensive research and practice preparation is achieved by pairing students with faculty. Students have access to an array of faculty members for interdisciplinary study, clinical practice, and research. Individually directed dissertation research is a major aspect of the Ph.D. program. Research in the College includes aging and health, women's health, bio-behavioral interventions, and health policy.

Progression in the program depends on the student's ability to meet academic standards and clinical competencies as defined by College policy.

To be considered for admission to the Ph.D. program, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- A BSN or master's degree in nursing from a CCNE/NLN AC accredited program.
- International students or students whose native language is not English are required to pass one of the following tests with a satisfactory score of:
  - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
    - Computer-based: 213
    - Paper-based: 550
    - Web-based: 80
    - iBT Speaking Component: 26
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS):
    - Overall score: 6.5
    - Speaking Component: 7
  - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB):
    - Overall score: 79
- Successful completion of the University of Florida English Language Institute Program.
- International students or students whose native language is not English with unsatisfactory scores on the TOEFL, and TOEFL iBT Speaking Component, IELTS, or MELAB; unsuccessful completion of the UF English Language Institute Program; or an unacceptable score on the verbal part of the GRE must achieve an acceptable score on an essay administered by the Academic Written English Program at UF.
- Current licensure (or eligibility) as a Registered Nurse in the State of Florida.
- Availability of a primary mentor who is a College of Nursing faculty member with expertise consistent with the students' research focus area.
- Students must be either a U.S. citizen, legal U.S. resident or hold a valid visa.

Please see our website for more information: <https://nursing.ufl.edu/admissions/>

## Degrees Offered

### Degrees Offered with a Major in Nursing Sciences

- Doctor of Philosophy
  - without a concentration
  - concentration in Clinical and Translational Science

The PhD in Nursing Sciences prepares nurse scholars to develop and conduct scientific research that advances the theoretical foundations of nursing practice and health care delivery. It is also the gateway to a career in nursing education, where qualified faculty members are greatly needed to alleviate a growing nursing faculty shortage. Our program offers comprehensive research preparation with one of the strongest cores of nursing research faculty in Florida. The UF College of Nursing offers two options for research-focused doctoral studies in nursing. Select a program to learn more. <https://nursing.ufl.edu/admissions/>

Requirements for these degrees are given in the Graduate Degrees (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/degrees/>) section of this catalog.

## Courses

### College of nursing courses

Code	Title	Credits
NGR 6002C	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NGR 6052C	Adult Nursing: Diagnostics and Procedures	1
NGR 6101	Theory and Research for Nursing	3
NGR 6104	State of the Science in Nursing	3
NGR 6140	Physiology and Pathophysiology for Advanced Nursing Practice	4
NGR 6230C	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Diagnostics and Procedures for the Critically Ill	1
NGR 6241	Adult Nursing: Common Health Problems	4
NGR 6242L	Adlt-Gero Acnp Clin I	3
NGR 6243	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Critically Ill Adult	4
NGR 6243L	Acute Care Nurse Practitioner: Critically Ill Adult Laboratory	3
NGR 6248	Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner 3	3
NGR 6248L	Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner 3	3
NGR 6301	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6301L	Advanced Child Health Nursing I	3
NGR 6302	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	4
NGR 6302L	Advanced Child Health Nursing II	3
NGR 6307	Advanced Child Health Nursing III	3
NGR 6307L	Advanced Child Health Nursing III	3
NGR 6311	Adv Acute and Chron Chi	4
NGR 6311L	Adv Acu Nsg Clinical	3
NGR 6350	Family Nurse Practitioner: Women, Adolescents, And Children	4
NGR 6372C	Advanced Pediatric Procedures and Diagnostics	3
NGR 6503	Psych Np Indiv Psych	3
NGR 6503L	Psych Np: Indiv Clin	3
NGR 6508	Psych Np Group Psych	2
NGR 6508L	Psych Np: Group Clin	3
NGR 6509L	Psych Np Fam Clin	3
NGR 6538	Psychopharmacology for Psychiatric Nursing	3
NGR 6560C	Adv Psych Assess Diag	3

NGR 6612	Family Nurse Practitioner: Complex Family Health Care (Focus On Gerontology)	3
NGR 6638	Health Promotion	3
NGR 6740	Role Transition: Issues in Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NGR 6807	Mixed Methods in Health Research	3
NGR 6815	Foundations of Qualitative Health Research	3
NGR 6840	Applied Statistical Analysis I	3
NGR 6845	Applied Statistical Analysis II	3
NGR 6850	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NGR 6905	Individual Study	1-3
NGR 6930	Special Topics in Nursing	1-3
NGR 6937	Synthesis and Integration of State of the Science Research	3
NGR 6941	Practicum in Nursing	1-4
NGR 6943L	Teaching Practicum	2-4
NGR 6944	Individual Clinical Practice	1-6
NGR 6945L	Post Master Certificate Practicum	1-4
NGR 7115	Philosophy of Nursing Science	3
NGR 7124	Theory Development in Nursing	3
NGR 7661	Nursing Science in Health Disparities and Vulnerable Populations	3
NGR 7700	Leadership and Role Development in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7709	Nurse Scientist and Scholar I	1
NGR 7816	Quantitative Research Design and Measurement in Nursing	3
NGR 7835	Nurse Scientist and Scholar II	1
NGR 7891	Health Policy and Finance in Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NGR 7979	Advanced Research	1-12
NGR 7980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	1-15

### Student Learning Outcomes

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Upon completion of the program, the PhD graduate is expected to engage in the following:

- **Research:** Synthesizes and generates knowledge for the discipline of nursing.
- **Scholarly Activity:** Disseminates findings to researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders in healthcare.
- **Leadership:** Assumes leadership and advocacy positions to advance healthcare.
- **Ethics:** Synthesizes ethical issues and standards related to science and knowledge development.
- **Collaboration:** Develops and engages in interdisciplinary teams within the scientific and healthcare practice communities.