PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The PhD in Nursing Science prepares nurse scholars to develop and conduct scientific research that advances the theoretical foundation of nursing practice and healthcare 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.

The UF College of Nursing has the oldest PhD program in the state and provides the nursing doctoral student access to expert nursing researchers and cutting-edge technological resources. The College’s role in a world-class health science center and network of interdisciplinary health care centers offers students the chance to work with a number of other esteemed interdisciplinary faculty and colleagues from the Colleges of Dentistry, Public Health and Health Professions, Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine. In addition, UF is home to the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute, the UF Genetics Institute and the UF Health Cancer Center.

Comprehensive research preparation is achieved by pairing students with faculty researchers. Students have access to an array of UF faculty members for interdisciplinary study and research.

There are opportunities for employment as a teaching or research assistant, allowing valuable mentorship from faculty members.

Applicants, whose prior study, work experience and proposed research focus are congruent with the research focal areas of the College of Nursing will be given priority. The three broad areas of research at the UF College of Nursing are:

»» Management of symptoms associated with aging and chronic illnesses (e.g., pain, cognitive impairment)
»» Disparities in health and health services
»» Translational research in families

For a complete list of faculty research interests, please visit the College of Nursing website at: http://research.nursing.ufl.edu/research/research-faculty/

PROGRAM LENGTH
BSN to PhD Program
»» 90 total credit hours
»» The doctoral curriculum can be completed in three years for full-time students
»» Individually directed dissertation research and the student-mentor relationship are major aspects of the PhD program

MSN to PhD Program
»» 69 total credit hours
»» Individually directed dissertation research and the student-mentor relationship are major aspects of the PhD program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
BSN to PhD Program
»» Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by CCNE or ACEN/NLNAC with a minimum nursing GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
»» Graduate Record Examination (recommended minimum score of 160 in the verbal section and 148 in the quantitative section; analytic section is required)
»» Eligibility for RN licensure in Florida if research involves direct patient care

MSN to PhD Program
»» Master’s degree in nursing from a program accredited by CCNE or ACEN/NLNAC with a minimum nursing GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
»» Graduate Record Examination (recommended minimum score of 153 in the verbal section and 144 in the quantitative section; the analytical writing section is optional)
»» Eligibility for RN licensure in Florida if research involves direct patient care

ADMISSION PROCESS
Application Deadline: Refer to Website

The application process for the PhD program is a two-part application process. All applicants to the doctoral program must submit the University of Florida Graduate Application to the University of Florida Office of Admissions, along with official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended and official test scores. The University of Florida Graduate Application is available here: http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/applygraduate.html

Additionally, all applicants are required to complete the NursingCAS Centralized Nursing Application Service application for the University of Florida PhD program. Please refer to the NursingCAS website for instructions: http://www.nursingcas.org/

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