

Nursing, PhD

Overview

Research

The (post-BSN) PhD program in nursing prepares research scientists, educators, and leaders who seek to improve health and healthcare across the life span with an emphasis on urban, vulnerable, and underserved populations. Graduates are expected to lead research initiatives that advance nursing science through knowledge development and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiry.

Students will study with nursing faculty whose research addresses questions that extend across a broad health spectrum, including health promotion, risk prevention, and self-management of chronic conditions. Collectively, the faculty have a variety of expertise and interests, such as health issues of women, children, and families; HIV; cancer; mental health; depression; and substance use.

In addition, students will have an opportunity to study with faculty from other Northeastern departments as well as with other Boston-area researchers. This collaboration allows students to work across disciplines and to access populations and sites essential for completing a dissertation. Visit the Northeastern University Faculty Research site (<http://www.northeastern.edu/research/faculty-research/>) for more information.

Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.

Program Requirements

Bachelor's Degree Entrance

A bachelor's degree in nursing is preferred. Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Milestones

Annual review of progress
Comprehensive examination
Candidacy status
Dissertation committee
Dissertation proposal
Dissertation defense

Core Requirements

A grade of B or higher is required in all coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
NRSG 7104	Foundations in Nursing Research	3
NRSG 7700	The Science of Nursing	3
NRSG 7705	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations in Nursing Science	3
NRSG 7715	Measurement in Clinical Research	3
NRSG 7750	Healthcare of Urban Populations	3
Statistics		
PHTH 5210	Biostatistics in Public Health	3
NRSG 5121	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
PHTH 6210	Applied Regression Analysis	3
Research		
NRSG 7709	Qualitative Research Methods	3

NRSG 7712	Quantitative Research Methods	3
NRSG 7755	Intervention Research: Development, Implementation, and Evaluation	3
NRSG 7770	Research Colloquium	1
Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:		6
NRSG 9984	Research	

Cognate Courses ¹

Complete two cognate courses in consultation with your faculty adviser. 6

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two elective courses in consultation with your faculty adviser.		6

Dissertation

Code	Title	Hours
NRSG 9845	Dissertation Seminar 1	3
NRSG 9846	Dissertation Seminar 2	3
NRSG 9990	Dissertation Term 1	1
NRSG 9991	Dissertation Term 2	1

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

60 total semester hours required

Minimum 3.000 GPA required

¹ Cognates are graduate-level courses that are taken outside of nursing. These courses should provide depth and breadth to the student's dissertation research.

² Electives may be taken in nursing or in an area related to the student's dissertation research, including appropriate methodology and statistics courses.

Advanced Entry PhD Program Requirements

The advanced entry (Post-MSN) PhD program in nursing prepares research scientists, educators, and leaders who seek to improve health and healthcare across the life span with an emphasis on urban, vulnerable, and underserved populations. Graduates are expected to lead research initiatives that advance nursing science through knowledge development and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiry.

Students will study with nursing faculty whose research addresses questions that extend across a broad health spectrum, including health promotion, risk prevention, and self-management of chronic conditions. Collectively, the faculty have a variety of expertise and interests, such as health issues of women, children, and families; HIV; cancer; mental health; depression; and substance use.

In addition, students will have an opportunity to study with faculty from other Northeastern departments, as well as with other Boston-area researchers. This collaboration allows students to work across disciplines and to access populations and sites essential for completing a dissertation. Visit the Northeastern University Faculty Research site (<http://www.northeastern.edu/research/faculty-research/>) for more information.

Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.

Complete all courses and requirements listed below unless otherwise indicated.

Milestones

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Dissertation committee
Dissertation proposal
Dissertation defense

Core Requirements

A grade of B or higher is required in all coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
NRSG 7700	The Science of Nursing	3
NRSG 7705	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations in Nursing Science	3
NRSG 7750	Healthcare of Urban Populations	3
Statistics		
PHTH 5210	Biostatistics in Public Health	3
PHTH 6210	Applied Regression Analysis	3
Cognate Courses ¹		
	Complete two cognate courses in consultation with your faculty adviser.	6
Research		
NRSG 7709	Qualitative Research Methods	3
NRSG 7712	Quantitative Research Methods	3
NRSG 7715	Measurement in Clinical Research	3
NRSG 7755	Intervention Research: Development, Implementation, and Evaluation	3
NRSG 7770	Research Colloquium	1
	Complete the following (repeatable) course twice:	6
NRSG 9984	Research	

Dissertation Courses

Code	Title	Hours
NRSG 9845	Dissertation Seminar 1	3
NRSG 9846	Dissertation Seminar 2	3
NRSG 9990	Dissertation Term 1	1
NRSG 9991	Dissertation Term 2	1

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

48 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required

¹ Cognates are graduate-level courses that are taken outside of nursing and should provide depth and breadth to the student's area of interest.