Nursing, PhD (Boston)

Overview
Research

The PhD in Nursing program is designed to prepare nurse researchers to advance the science of nursing by developing expertise in both leadership and innovation. Graduates are expected to lead multidisciplinary research initiatives that advance nursing and healthcare through knowledge development and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiry. Students will work with nursing faculty whose research addresses innovative questions that seek to advance knowledge for improvement of care. Students will have opportunities to collaborate with faculty across the broader Northeastern University community, in addition to Boston-area research and healthcare institutions. This collaboration allows students to work across disciplines and to access populations and research sites essential to the success of their original dissertation study.

Advanced entry into the PhD in Nursing program requires a master's degree in nursing.

Visit the Northeastern University Faculty Research site (https://research.northeastern.edu/faculty-research/) for more information.

Please visit Bouvé College Learning Outcomes (https://bouve.northeastern.edu/academics/learning-outcomes/) for the specific student learning outcomes for this program.

Students who do not qualify for the doctoral degree, but who have completed required coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.000 or better, may be eligible to receive a terminal MS (https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/health-sciences/nursing/applied-nursing-research-ms/)Applied Nursing Research degree. Note that no students will be admitted directly into the Applied Nursing Research program to pursue a master's degree.

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		
NRSG 5121	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
PHTH 5210	Biostatistics in Public 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		

Complete two cognate courses in consultation with your faculty advisor. Cognates are graduate-level courses that are taken outside of nursing. These courses should provide depth and breadth to the student's dissertation research.		6

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two elective courses in consultation with your faculty advisor. Electives may be taken in nursing or in an area related to the student's dissertation research, including appropriate methodology and statistics courses.		6

Dissertation

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

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

58 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required

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| NRSG 9990 | Dissertation Term 1 |
| NRSG 9991 | Dissertation Term 2 |

Program Credit/GPA Requirements

46 total semester hours required
Minimum 3.000 GPA required

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