

PhD in Nursing

Admission Requirements

Transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Prior Degrees** Applicants for the post-baccalaureate option must have a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN accredited program. Applicants for the post-master's option must have a master's degree in nursing from an accredited program. Applicants who have a master's degree in a field other than nursing may also be considered for admission to the post-master's option but may have to complete additional coursework based on prior educational background.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 2.75/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of the first baccalaureate degree.
- **Tests Required** None.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
 - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
 - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
 - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Recommendations** Three references are required as part of the application. All references will be submitted electronically through the University Graduate Application. References must use the College of Nursing Recommendation form which will be emailed to them through the graduate application.
- **Nursing Supplemental Application** Submitted electronically as part of the University Graduate Application. Questions can be viewed prior to application on the College of Nursing website.
- **Current resume or curriculum vitae**
- **Other Requirements** Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction prior to enrollment. A brief grace period will be granted to any new student who does not meet this requirement. A compliance hold will be placed on the UIC student account until the student submits their RN license. Any post-licensure student who fails to submit proof of RN licensure to UIC by December 1st of their first semester in the College of Nursing will be dismissed. Applicants must be interviewed by a graduate faculty member in the program area selected. Admission is conditional on the availability of a faculty expert in the student's research area.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** At least 96 semester hours from the baccalaureate degree, at least 64 semester hours from the master's degree. Students who have previously earned a master's degree or its equivalent from UIC or another accredited institution may be granted 32 semester hours of credit toward the doctoral degree if approved by the director of graduate studies.
- **Coursework**

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
NURS 566	Developing Literature Reviews	
NURS 568	Grant Writing for the Nurse Scientist	
NURS 570	Philosophy of Science for Health Research	
NURS 571	Theory and Theory Development for Nursing Research	
NURS 572	Research Design and Methods	
NURS 573	Measurement in Health Research	
NURS 574	Qualitative Research in Nursing	
NURS 586	Roles and Responsibilities of the Nurse Scientist	
NURS 588	Nursing Leadership in Global Health	
NUPR 593	Research Practicum	
Advanced Statistics (6 hours required for students with master's degree in nursing; 9 hours for students without a master's degree in nursing)		
6 additional hours in research methodology are required for students without a master's degree in nursing		
At least 9 hours of 400- and 500-level didactic courses with a focus on advanced nursing science; 24 hours of elective coursework are required for students without a master's degree in nursing		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Examination Required. • Dissertation Required. Students must earn at least 24 hours in NURS 599. • Other Requirements Students are required to provide documentation of immunizations, background check results, drug screens, HIPAA training, CPR certification, and current nursing license. A brief grace period will be granted to any new student who does not meet this requirement. A compliance hold will be placed on the UIC student account until the student submits their RN license. Any post-licensure student who fails to submit proof of RN licensure to UIC by December 1st of their first semester in the College of Nursing will be dismissed. Please see the College of Nursing website for specific requirements for each program. All information must be submitted before students are allowed to register for courses. 		

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- [Gender and Women's Studies](#)
- [Neuroscience](#)
- [Survey Research Methodology](#)
- [Women's Health](#)