Admission Requirements & Criteria

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 3 credits undergraduate and 3 credits graduate level statistics and will adhere to the University’s Office of Graduate & Professional Education procedures using the online admission process accessible at www.grad.udel.edu/apply.

• BSN from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.0) and/or MS in Nursing or other health-related discipline from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.5)
• Active Registered Nurse license
• Written statement of goals and objectives
• Three letters of recommendation
• Curriculum vitae or resume
• Interview with PhD Program Director and/or Program faculty prior to admission

The School of Nursing PhD Program Committee makes an admission decision after reviewing the completed application.

Application Deadline: February 1st

• Admission decisions anticipated by March 1st for entry of fall cohort of students
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General Course Information

Core Classes (13 credits)

• NURS 810: Philosophical & Theoretical Basis of Nursing Science
• NURS 849: Philosophy Theory & Curriculum in Nursing Education
• NURS 843: Policy & Finance for Health Care Delivery
• NURS 839: Nurse Scientist Seminar I
• NURS 850: Dissertation Proposal Seminar
• NURS 870: Writing for Dissemination

Research/Methods/Analysis Courses (16 credits)

• Statistics from ED, PSYCH, SOC
• NURS 812: Responsible Conduct of Research (online)
• NURS 814: Advanced Quantitative Research in Nursing Science
• NURS 816: Advanced Qualitative Research in Nursing Science
• Research Methodology Course (offered by other departments and relevant to student’s research focus)

Cognate Electives (12 – 24 credits) **

Dissertation (9 credits)

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