

Nursing, PHD

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The Ph.D. in Nursing program (<https://nursing.georgetown.edu/degree-programs/doctoral/phd-nursing/>) is a full time on campus programs that prepares nurse scientists and scholars to be ethical leaders engaged in rigorous inquiry, scholarship, and dissemination focused on transformative advocacy and knowledge generation. Graduates will be prepared to serve in academic, community health, healthcare, policy, global, and research settings.

Academic Policies

Additional academic policies governing the Ph.D. program can be found in the program handbook.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
NURP 8000	Philos & Fndtns in Nurs Sci	3
GLOH 5501		2
NURP 8001	Health Care Ethics in Systems	3
NURP 8010	Health Care Ethics Scholar I	1
	or NURO 8711Scholarly Writing	
NURP 8711	Scholarly Writing	1
	or NURO 8711Scholarly Writing	
NURP 8025	Theor Fndts of Evolv Nurs Sci	3
EPID 5005	Biostatistics II	3
EPID 5006	Computer Software Lab II	1
NURP 8020	Health Equity in Action	3
NURP 8021	Health Justice Scholars	0
NURP 8050	Quantitative Rsrch Methodology	3
NURP 8060	Qualitative Rsrch Methodology	3
BSPA 6603	S&T in Global Arena	3
	or BHTA 6603 Sci/Tech in Global Arena	
NURP 8070	Seminar in Dissertation Rsrch	3
NURP 8011	Health Care Ethics II	1
NURP 9010		3
NURP 9021		
NURP 9999		
ELECTIVE		9
Total Credits		45

In Year 2 (summer semester), Thesis Research and Written Comprehensive Examination are required. In Year 3, Dissertation Proposal Defense NURP 9999 and Dissertation Research are required. In Year 4, Dissertation Research NURP 9999 s required.

Plan of Study

Program Requirements

To earn the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing, students must complete 44 credits of coursework, pass the written comprehensive exam, pass the oral qualifying exam, and write and successfully defend a dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
	Philosophy of Science	1
	Introductory Biostatistics	2
	Health Care Ethics Systems	3
	Health Ethics Scholar I	1
Credits		7
Spring		
	Theoretical Foundations of an Evolving Nursing Science	3
	Applied Biostatistics	3
	Health Equity in Action	3
	Scholarly Writing	1
	Health Justice Scholars	0
Credits		10
Summer		
	Quantitative Research Methodology	3
	Elective	3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
	Qualitative Research Methodology	3
	Public Policy for the Scientist	3
	Seminar in Dissertation Research	3
	Health Ethics Scholars II	1
Credits		10
Spring		
	Seminar in Dissertation Proposal	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Health Justice Scholars	2
Credits		11
Summer		
	Elective	3
	Written Comprehensive Examination	
	Dissertation Research Preparation	
Credits		3
Year Three		
	Dissertation Proposal Defense	
	Dissertation Research	
Credits		0
Year Four		
	Dissertation Research and Defense	
Credits		0
Total Credits		47

Required Examinations

Comprehensive Examination

Students who have completed all coursework with at B average are eligible to take the comprehensive examination. The written exam is a take home, open book examination that covers coursework covered in

doctoral studies. Students are provided with a list of 10 questions and must answer at least six questions.

To pass the exam, students must correctly answer all questions. Students who fail one question will pass pending mandatory remediation, and students who fail two or more questions will fail the examination.

Qualifying Examination

Once a student has completed all coursework and passed the Comprehensive Examination, they are eligible to take the Qualifying Examination—an oral exam that comprises the defense of the dissertation proposal. Students must provide the written proposal prior to the examination.

For the exam, students do not need to present the proposal. Students should expect to answer questions on all aspects of the proposal, including methods utilized in the proposal and basic scientific principles.

Thesis Requirements

During the third and fourth years of the program, the student devotes the majority of their time and efforts to original research and to the preparation of the doctoral dissertation. While carrying out dissertation research, the student may, with the instructor's and Dissertation Chair's permission, also enroll in courses with subjects of particular relevance to their dissertation research. At the conclusion of the dissertation research and the writing of the dissertation, the student will complete a formal Dissertation Defense.