

Admission Requirements

PhD In Nursing Science

PhD in Nursing Science admission requirements originate at two levels: the University and the School of Nursing. The University-level requirements may be found in the Graduate Admissions section. Admission decisions will be made by the PhD Program Committee of the School of Nursing (SON). Students will be admitted to the program based on enrollment availability, identification of an appropriate and available faculty advisor and their ability to meet the following minimum recommended entrance requirements.

- A baccalaureate in nursing degree from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.0)
- A master's degree in nursing or other health related discipline, e.g. health care administration, from an accredited college/university (minimum GPA 3.5)
- A GRE score of 1050 (300) on math and verbal sections combined; GRE scores must be earned within the last 5 years.
- Official results from the TOEFL or IELTS exam taken within the last 2 years (for non-native English speaking applicants only); it is required that all students in the program be proficient in both the verbal and written English language.
- See English Proficiency and exceptions to submitting TOEFL for International Applicants on the Graduate Office website.
- A written statement of goals and objectives (Application Personal Statement) that clearly identifies the applicant's research and curriculum interests and describes how admission to the program will facilitate his/her professional objectives.
- The Personal Statement should indicate how the applicant's research interest, topic and/or proposed research question is consistent with the research expertise of a SON faculty member.
- See College of Health Sciences Research Programs & Faculty, SON faculty profiles online and the SON Research web page clicking on each of the research foci to identify potential research mentors.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact SON faculty and discuss research interests before submitting an application.
- Answers to the required questions on the application Personal Statement will serve as the critical writing sample and demonstration of competence in written communication and ability to critique and synthesize the literature on a specific topic related to the applicant's research interest, topic and/or proposed research question.
- Three letters of recommendation from an academic, employer and/or other professional sources who can address the scholarship potential of the applicant.
- Reference persons identified by applicant will be notified electronically to submit a letter and complete a Graduate Recommendation Form AFTER the application has been submitted; therefore, allow ample time before the application deadline for reference persons to submit their letters/complete form.
- Letter of recommendation should include explicit examples of applicant's abilities that substantiate the ratings on the Graduate Recommendation Form.
- Letters of recommendation and Graduate Recommendation Form ratings must be received by the application deadline.
- Active Registered Nurse (RN) license
- A curriculum vitae or resume
- A minimum of 3 credits undergraduate level statistics. A minimum of 3 credits graduate level statistics earned within the last five years



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