


# Doctor of Philosophy - Nursing

2 Graduate Program Change 2021-22

## I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

**Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.**

Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments)\*

School of Nursing

Degree/ Certificate Name\* Doctor of Philosophy - Nursing

Plan Code

Degree Type\*

Doctor of Philosophy

Program Type\*

Doctoral

## II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an \* after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing admission requirements?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing course requirements?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing degree completion requirements?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing program learning objectives?\*  Yes  No

Are you changing the culminating experience?\*  Yes  No




If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

**Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes** Update the current admission requirement: "Successful completion within the last 5 years of graduate course work or equivalent in statistics with a B or better." TO "Successful completion within the last 5 years of graduate course work or equivalent in statistics and research with a B or better.

**Provide a rationale for each proposed change** Individual conversations with faculty, my [PhD Director's] experience with students, and discussion at our recent PhD meeting has revealed lack of consistent preparation of our PhD student applicants regarding research. This is significantly affecting some students' progression through the program and their ability to reap the most benefit from research related courses in the program as they lack a foundational understanding.

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Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here\*

## Plan Description

Individuals who complete the Nursing PhD Program will be prepared to advance nursing science and practice through rigorous research, evidence-based education, and dynamic leadership. Graduates will demonstrate the following program outcomes: Provide leadership in the advancement of nursing as a scientific and practice discipline through the conduct of culturally competent scholarship and identification of implications for policy, the discipline, and the profession. Conduct and communicate original research that generates new knowledge. Develop, implement and evaluate innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Course Offerings: Doctoral courses offered by the School of Nursing are web-based. However, students are required to attend an on-campus orientation prior to the first semester of enrollment. These meeting times and dates are set in advance to allow students adequate time to make appropriate plans. Students are also required to be on campus for their oral comprehensive exams, proposal defense, and final dissertation defense.

Programs of Study: There are three options in the current Nursing PhD Program: Nursing Education Track (Post-Master's) Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track Post-D.N.P. to Ph.D. Track The UNLV School of Nursing (SON) - Nursing PhD Curriculum Framework outlines the shared required core courses in the Nursing PhD Program. View Program Disclaimers. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. Admission into the Nursing PhD program is contingent upon the qualifications of the applicant and the availability of open positions. Students are admitted once a year in the fall. Applicants must have submitted all required materials by the deadline posted on the School of Nursing website. All applicants must provide the following: Generally, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0 = A scale) earned in a nursing or health-related master's program of study is required. Students who graduated from accredited competency-based schools are advised to contact the Program Director for additional information. Successful completion within the last 5 years of graduate course work or equivalent in statistics and research with a B or better. Current unencumbered and unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse in at least one state or territory of the US. Applicants must present GRE scores on verbal, quantitative and analytic measures. The exam must have been taken within the last five years. Post DNP applicants are exempt from this requirement. Three letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's motivation, academic capability, scholarship potential, and personal integrity for doctoral study in nursing. Evidence of current health and malpractice insurance. Accepted applicants must, prior to enrollment, show proof of completion of

health and malpractice insurance. Accepted applicants must, prior to enrollment, show proof of completion of the Hepatitis B vaccine series, a titer indicating presumptive immunity, or a statement from a health care provider indicating that vaccination is contraindicated for health reasons and validation of a negative drug screen. Other immunization and health data requirements are identified in the student handbook. Two representative samples of scholarly work (e.g., thesis, demonstration project, publications, etc.). Written statement of personal career, educational and scholarship goals including identification of research interests. Statement should include description of how the applicant's research goals align with specific faculty programs of research. Curriculum Vita or resume. Applicants are required to participate in an interview with members of the Admissions Committee, either in person, video conference, or by telephone. Post-D.N.P. to Ph.D. Track applicants must also submit: Evidence of an earned Doctorate in Nursing Practice degree from a program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the National League for Nursing (NLN) Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) is required. In addition to the required courses below, students must have 17 units from an accredited DNP program. Nursing Education or Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track applicants must also submit: Earned master's degrees in nursing (MSN) require programs accredited by CCNE, NLN CNEA, or ACEN; persons educated outside the United States need to demonstrate proof of equivalent education and advanced degrees. Persons holding a bachelor's degree in nursing and master's degree in a health-related discipline from an accredited institution are eligible for admission but will need to successfully complete graduate level courses in health and public policy and nursing theory. Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track applicants must also submit: Upon approval of all the previous requirements, applicants who completed NURS 709, 710, 724, and 733 or equivalent course work during either their masters' or postmasters' education are eligible to apply for the Post-MSN-Nursing Education Degree Track. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## **Plan Requirements**

See Subplan Requirements below. Subplan 1: Nursing Education Track Subplan 2: Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track Subplan 3: Post-D.N.P. to Ph.D. Track

## **Subplan 1 Requirements: Nursing Education Track (Post-Master's)**

Total Credits Required: 62 [View Subplan Disclaimers](#)

## Course Requirements

### Core Courses – Credits: 33

Complete 33 credits by completing all of the following courses:

<b>NURS 770 Knowledge Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 771 Theory Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 772 The Nurse as Leader</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 775 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research I: Univariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 776 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research II: Multivariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 779 Writing a Research Grant Application</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 780 Quantitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 781 Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 785 Special Topics in Nursing Research</b>	<b>2-8</b>
<b>NURS 789 Independent Study</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 748 Interdisciplinary Team Science</b>	<b>3</b>

### Nursing Education Courses – Credits: 17

Complete 17 credits by completing all of the following courses:

<b>NURS 709 Teaching and Learning in Nursing Education</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 710 Course Level Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 724 Developing &amp; Evaluating Curriculum for Nursing Education</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>NURS 733 Nursing Education Practicum I</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 774 Educational Theory and Philosophy for Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 790 Independent Teaching Practicum Seminar</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NURS 791 Independent Teaching Practicum</b>	<b>1-5</b>

## **Dissertation – Credits: 12**

**NURS 797 Dissertation**

**3-6**

## **Degree Requirements**

See Plan Degree Requirements below.

## **Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## **Subplan 2 Requirements: Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track**

Total Credits Required: 50 [View Subplan Disclaimers](#)

## **Course Requirements**

## **Core Courses - Credits: 33**

Complete 33 credits by completing all of the following courses:

<b>NURS 748 Interdisciplinary Team Science</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 770 Knowledge Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 771 Theory Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 772 The Nurse as Leader</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 775 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research I: Univariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 776 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research II: Multivariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 779 Writing a Research Grant Application</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 780 Quantitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 781 Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 785 Special Topics in Nursing Research</b>	<b>2-8</b>
<b>NURS 789 Independent Study</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Nursing Education Courses - Credits: 5**

Complete 5 credits by completing all of the following courses:

<b>NURS 774 Educational Theory and Philosophy for Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 790 Independent Teaching Practicum Seminar</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>NURS 791 Independent Teaching Practicum</b>	<b>1-5</b>

### **Dissertation - Credits: 12**

<b>NURS 797 Dissertation</b>	<b>3-6</b>
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### **Degree Requirements**

See Plan Degree Requirements below.

### **Graduation Requirements**



## Graduation Requirements

See Plan Degree Requirements below.

## Subplan 3 Requirements: Post-D.N.P. to Ph.D. Track

Total Credits Required: 45 [View Subplan Disclaimers](#)

## Course Requirements

### Core Courses – Credits: 33

Complete 33 credits by completing all of the following courses:

<b>NURS 770 Knowledge Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 771 Theory Development in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 775 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research I: Univariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 776 Statistical Methods for Nursing Research II: Multivariate Methods</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 777 Individualized Study/Dissertation Seminar</b>	<b>1 - 5</b>
<b>NURS 779 Writing a Research Grant Application</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 780 Quantitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 781 Qualitative Research Methods in Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 785 Special Topics in Nursing Research</b>	<b>2-8</b>
<b>NURS 789 Independent Study</b>	<b>3</b>

### Dissertation – Credits: 12

**NURS 797 Dissertation**

**3-6**

## **Degree Requirements**

See Plan Degree Requirements below.

## **Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## **Plan Degree Requirements**

Complete the minimum credits required. A grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained in all courses required for the degree; no grade less than B is acceptable for curricular completion of the program. Upon admission, each student will be assigned to the Ph.D. coordinator as their initial academic advisor who will plan the student's entire program of study. Approved courses will include those taught in other disciplines but must relate to the student's area of research. After the student has selected a research topic, the student will select an advisor based on research focus and needs. Upon student recommendation, faculty acceptance, and approval from both the Ph.D. Coordinator and the Graduate College, the advisor will be changed. In consultation with their advisor, the student will organize a dissertation committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines. Upon completion of all required course work other than dissertation and research seminar, each student must take a written and oral Comprehensive Examination that will assess a doctoral student's readiness to begin the doctoral dissertation. Specifically, the examination will evaluate a student's written and oral articulation of a possible dissertation research focus or problem. Upon successful completion of the comprehensive exam, the student achieves candidacy and may register for dissertation credits and begin dissertation proposal development followed by independent dissertation study. Students who do not successfully complete the exam will be placed on academic probation. Failure to successfully complete the exam or meet the requirements of academic probation will result in separation. Upon successfully completing the comprehensive examination, the student submits a dissertation prospectus to their committee for approval. After approval, the student submits a "Prospectus Approval Form" to the Graduate College. The student's major advisor and dissertation committee are responsible for the student's progression through the

dissertation. Upon completion of the dissertation, the student must pass a final oral examination which involves the successful defense of the dissertation study. All dissertation committee members must be present for this examination and may question the student following presentation of the study. The defense will be scheduled and conducted in accordance with the Graduate College's policies for dissertation completion.

## Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation according to the timeline established by the Graduate College. The student must submit and successfully defend their dissertation by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public. After the dissertation defense, the student must electronically submit a properly formatted pdf copy of their dissertation to the Graduate College for format check. Once the dissertation format has been approved by the Graduate College, the student will submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest. Deadlines for dissertation defenses, format check submissions, and the final ProQuest submission can be found here.

## Plan Disclaimers

Subplan 1: Nursing Education Track: This program does not result in licensure and certification. Subplan 2: Post-MSN-Nursing Education Accelerated Degree Track: This program does not result in licensure and certification. Subplan 3: Post-D.N.P. to Ph.D. Track: This program does not result in licensure and certification.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email [GradCurriculum@unlv.edu](mailto:GradCurriculum@unlv.edu).

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

**Degrees Directory Program**  Check this box to acknowledge the above statement

**Entry\*** — Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

**Changes will be applicable to\***

Current Students

New Students

Both Current and New Students


**If applicable to current students, changes are**

Mandatory  Optional

**Effective Date\***

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.

6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.


### III. Department Vote Information

**Note:** This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify [GradCurriculum@unlv.edu](mailto:GradCurriculum@unlv.edu))

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.

2. Fill in vote information.

3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

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If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

(e.g. "Dpt A: .... / Dpt. B ....)

**Date faculty voted on proposal** 9/28/2020


**Result of vote** approve 30, abstain 3, reject 0

**Manner of vote** Faculty Org. - Online via Zoom

#### IV. Unit Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify [GradCurriculum@unlv.edu](mailto:GradCurriculum@unlv.edu))

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

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(e.g. "College A: .... / College B ....)

**Date faculty voted on proposal** 9/28/2020

**Result of vote** approve 30, abstain 3, reject 0

**Manner of vote** Faculty Org. - Online via Zoom

**V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)**

**Program Alerts (E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)**

**PS Processing Notes**

**PS Processing Date**

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## Comments for Doctor of Philosophy - Nursing

### Curriculog

11/3/2020 3:14 pm [Reply](#)

Emily Lin has approved this proposal on Graduate College Dean.

### Curriculog

11/3/2020 2:58 pm [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.

### Curriculog

11/3/2020 2:25 pm [Reply](#)

Gregory Moody has approved this proposal on behalf of Graduate Programs Committee. See [Graduate Programs Committee Agenda - Nov 3, 2020](#) for more information.

### Curriculog

10/20/2020 3:18 pm [Reply](#)

Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/Dean.

### Curriculog

10/20/2020 3:18 pm [Reply](#)

Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.

### Curriculog

10/20/2020 3:18 pm [Reply](#)

Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Department Chair.

### Curriculog

10/20/2020 3:18 pm [Reply](#)

Nursing Associate Dean has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.

### Curriculog

10/19/2020 8:53 am [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.

**Curriculog**

10/13/2020 8:17 am [Reply](#)

Christine Lam has approved this proposal on Originator.

**Curriculog**

10/13/2020 8:15 am [Reply](#)

Christine Lam has launched this proposal.

**Curriculog**

10/13/2020 7:56 am [Reply](#)

Christine Lam imported from the map 2021-2022 Working Graduate Catalog into the following proposal fields: I. General Information: Degree/ Certificate Name, I. General Information: Degree Type, I. General Information: Program Type, II. Program Changes: After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here.