Graduate School of Nursing

PhD Program—BS to PhD





The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) is the commonwealth's first and only public academic health sciences center and consists of 3 schools. This association provides for a rich interprofessional environment for learning and practice experiences.

Graduate
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Nursing (GSN)

University of
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Medical School

School of
Biomedical
Sciences

School of
Medicine

The focus of the UMMS GSN PhD program is on the development and transformation of scholars who will lead the discipline of nursing. Our program is Influenced by the cognitive philosophy of Bernard Lonergan. We welcome students to engage in a transformative process of wonder and discovery, self-reflection, critical thinking and genuine dialogue with other students and faculty.

Why consider the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing PhD program?

- **♦ Small student to faculty ratio**
- **Classes scheduled on one day/week**
- **♦ Average time to graduation 4.5 years**
- Access to courses and scholars at all UMass campuses
- 90-hour practicum in research, education, or leadership
- Research socialization activities with nationally known visiting scholars
- Cohort model facilitating a cooperative learning process among students

PhD Program Pathways:

- ♦ BS to PhD (73 credits)
- ♦ MS to PHD (57 credits)

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PLAN OF STUDY BS to PhD

YEAR ONE			
Fall	N603A	Societal Trends & Population Health	3 cr
	N603B	Community service learning practicum (Fall – Spring	0.5
	N613	Advanced Pathophysiology	3 cr
	N604	Translating & Integrating Scholarship into Practice	3 cr
Spring	N603B	Community service learning practicum (continuing)	0.5
	N614	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	3 cr
	N704	Epidemiology	3 cr
Summer	N814	Genomics for Clinical Practice and Research	3 cr
YEAR TWO			
Fall	N800	History and Philosophy of Nursing Science	3 cr
	N801	Qualitative Research Methods	3 cr
Spring	N802	Quantitative Research Methods in Nursing Research	3 cr
	N803	Theory: Critical Analysis and Application	3 cr
	N815	Statistical Analysis of Data	3 cr
Summer	N804	Survey Methods and Measurement in Health Research	3 cr
	N896	Seminar I: Leadership	1 cr
YEAR THREE			
Fall	N707	Biomedical Informatics	3 cr
	N813	Research Reviews and Grant Writing	2 cr
	N897	Dissertation Seminar II	1 cr
Spring	N890	Advanced Statistical Analysis of Data	3 cr
	N808	Health Policy	3 cr
		Electives: Minimum of TWO 3 Credit Electives: One must be Advanced Methods elective)	
	N810	Doctoral Practicum	1 cr
	N888	Comprehensive Exam	N/A
YEAR FOUR		DISSERTATION (15 credits required)	
Fall	N898	Dissertation Seminar III (until proposal defended)	1 cr
Fall	N899	Dissertation Credits	
Spring	N899		
Summer	N899		

MS core = 16 credits
PhD = 57 credits
TOTAL = 73 credits