THE PROGRAM:
Our online Nursing PhD Program is committed to shaping the next generation of nurse scientists. Students work closely with faculty from nursing and other disciplines to conduct biobehavioral and clinical research, research in vulnerable populations, and in teaching methods and practice. The research interests and expertise of the faculty reflect a diversity of educational and research experiences, all with the goal of helping students to succeed. Graduates of the program are prepared to continue their research trajectory towards becoming independent investigators and assuming leadership positions in the profession.

BSN TO PhD or MSN TO PhD OPTIONS
Prospective students with bachelors or masters degrees may apply to the Nursing PhD Program. All applicants are required to meet the same admission standards, with the exception of the degree requirement. Applicants applying to the BSN-to-PhD option will need to show proof of a Bachelor's degree, while applicants applying to the MSN-to-PhD option will need to show proof of a Master's in Nursing or an equivalent degree.

BSN to PhD students enroll in full-time graduate studies throughout their program. MSN to PhD students have the option of full-time or part-time study.

RESIDENCY WEEK
All students are required to attend a one-week on campus Residency each year, for the first three years of the program. Each Residency week is designed to provide guidance to students at different stages of the program, and for students to engage with peers and local and national researchers from nursing and other disciplines.

Please refer to the General Information Catalog section for Graduate Requirements for Admission available at https://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/catalog.asp
MISSION

UTMB Health Mission Statement: UTMB’s mission is to improve health for the people of Texas and around the world by offering innovative education and training, pursuing cutting edge research and providing the highest quality patient care.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Mission Statement: The mission promotes the advancement of human understanding and knowledge in health-related disciplines through scholarly teaching and research in the biomedical sciences. Foremost, the Graduate School embraces excellence in all of its academic pursuits and activities. Academic curricula and programs are available that emphasize developing individual leadership, communication, motivation, and scholarship to meet the challenges of today’s society.

PROGRAM FACTS

The Nursing PhD Program provides a health promotion, human response, and healing perspective, which extends the understanding of the promotion of physical, psychological, and social well-being.

Degree Requirements include:
• All Nursing PhD students take coursework covering subject areas such as:
  – History and Philosophy of Science
  – Concepts and Theories
  – Ethics and Policy
  – Nursing Science
  – Quantitative and Qualitative Research Design and Methods
  – Advanced Statistics and Measurement
  – Clinical Investigation in Nursing
  – Electives (Related Fields)
• BSN to PhD students take additional coursework in areas such as:
  – Education Theory and Practice
  – Health Care Policy
  – Informatics
• Written and oral qualifying examinations
• Completion of original research resulting in a dissertation

Time to Completion: Two years of coursework for full-time MSN to PhD; 3 years of coursework for BSN to PhD full-time students, plus dissertation for all students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission to the Nursing PhD Program, applicants must provide the following:
• Proof of Bachelor’s or Masters of Science Degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited institution
• Application to the Nurse Centralized Application Service (NCAS) with appropriate application fee
• Official transcripts from all academic institutions attended
• Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from within the last five years
• Two professional writing samples
• Three letters of reference
• Personal statement of goals (include your research interest area)
• Curriculum Vitae
• Test of English as A Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing (IELTS) scores for graduates of foreign universities

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