PhD Nurs
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Under Review | Fall 2023

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate   expand ▲

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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Changes

- Program Description
- Licensure Information
- Professional Accrediting Bodies
- Admissions Requirements
- Requirements

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Proposal Information

Proposed
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Existing
Sponsoring faculty member ❓

Existing
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College

College of Nursing

Department

Nursing

Campus

Health Sciences Center
(Albuquerque)

Effective Term and Year

Proposed
Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023
Validation Error: dateStart is not a valid term date. Here are some examples
of valid terms: 2023-05-27, 2023-08-08, 2023-10-20, 2024-01-01, 2024-03-14

Existing
Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2006

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification

These program revisions reflect the newly proposed concentration of Health Equity and Preparedness that has been submitted by the College of Nursing.

Registrar's note: NURS 602 and 615 are both sunset, removed courses from degree requirements as this will not impact degree completion

Existing
Program Justification

Associated Forms

Proposed
Select any associated course forms that exist

NURS 651 - Issues in Disaster Health Care (1)
NURS 655 - Contemporary Threats of Terrorism and War (3)
NURS 656 - Disaster Health Education and Communication (3) | **Under Review**
NURS 659 - Complex Humanitarian Disasters (3)
NURS 650 - Disaster Science and Health Equity (3)
NURS 652 - Impacts of Climate Change on Disaster Risk and Health (3)
NURS 653 - Environmental Health Science (3)
NURS 654 - Disaster Theory and Research Methods (3) | **Under Review**
NURS 657 - Population Focused Health and Human Services Impact from Disasters (3)
NURS 658 - Refugee Health (3) | **Under Review**

Existing
Select any associated course forms that exist

Proposed
Select any associated program forms that exist

PhD Nurs

Existing
Select any associated program forms that exist

Program Category and Level

Program Category	**Program Level**	**Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name**
Program	Graduate	Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

New Graduate Program	**Dual Degree**	**New Undergrad Degree/Certificate**
No	No	No

Catalog Information

Proposed
Program Description

Aligning with the mission and vision of the UNM College of Nursing, the CON PhD Program offers a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree (Nursing) and is awarded by the University. The program prepares nurses to become leaders, scientists and scholars in various areas of health and science to include; health policy, health systems, biobehavioral health, rural health and equity, disaster preparedness, etc. PhD students may pursue an individualized plan of study or a concentration in Health Policy or Health Equity and Preparedness (if accepted to the concentration). PhD course offerings of the CON are online.

Students may follow an individualized plan of study or a concentration in Health Policy or Health Equity and Preparedness. The Ph.D. program follows the term calendar of the university and has both B.S.N. and master's-entry options.

The Ph.D. in Nursing curriculum consists of core courses on philosophy of nursing science and theory and statistics and quantitative and qualitative research methods, exclusive of dissertation. In consultation with their faculty advisor/chair, students will then select more advanced research methods courses and electives. The methods coursework and electives vary, depending on the student's plan of study (individualized study vs. Health Policy or Health Equity and Preparedness concentration) and research interests. Students admitted under the B.S.N. entry option complete 18 prerequisite credit hours before starting Ph.D. coursework and should consult with the Ph.D. Program Director for those requirements. General requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree are set forth in the Graduate Program section of this Catalog.

Existing
Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing program at the College of Nursing prepares individuals to design, conduct, and communicate independent research, to collaborate with others in the conduct of research, and to assume leadership roles in research, education, healthcare, and health policy. The program focuses on knowledge development to advance the science of nursing, conducting research in healthcare and health policy related to multicultural, rural, and underserved populations, and the improvement of nursing care and health outcomes of individuals, families, and communities. The Ph.D. in Nursing is delivered online, with attendance in Albuquerque required for one week of face to face class time each semester for the first three years of coursework. Please check university status related to COVID-19 prior to attendance. Students may follow an individualized plan of study or a concentration in Health Policy. The Ph.D. program follows the term calendar of the university and has both B.S.N. and master's-entry options.

Proposed
Admissions Requirements

Specific requirements for the College of Nursing Ph.D. program are:

- Entry-level degree of either a Bachelor or Master of Science in Nursing degree from an accredited program (Commission on the Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing [ACEN] or equivalent. If outside of the United States, equivalency will be determined on a case-by-case basis). The degree must be earned prior to entering the PhD program. Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Nursing or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master's degree in another field (the degree will be considered on an individual basis).
- A graduate level statistics course within the previous three years completed with a grade of B and by the date of admission.
- Most recent degree conferred with a grade-point average 3.5 or higher (most recent degree). Students with a grade-point average of 3.0 – 3.49 may be considered for admission to the PhD program with stipulations* (see below).
- A valid RN license in any U.S. state, territory, or foreign country.
- Letter of intent discussing the applicant's (1) goals for undertaking the PhD program (2) area of research interest, and (3) identified faculty member matching the applicant's area of research interest with an explanation of the potential faculty match (letter limit of 2 pages, double-spaced);
- Three letters of recommendation, including one from a reference with a PhD;
- Current resume or CV; Submission of a writing sample that demonstrates evidence of scholarly ability and the potential for scholarly growth. Examples include, but are not limited to, a thesis, a published or unpublished scholarly paper, or written creative work.
- Optional: GRE completed within the previous three years. University of New Mexico, Graduate Studies (OGS).

All applicants must also be eligible for graduate admission to UNM. Visit Apply to UNM Graduate and Professional Programs to submit an application and all official transcripts to UNM Graduate Admissions.

Personal interview (completed after review of NursingCAS submission and by invitation).

Exceptions to any program admission criterion are considered individually, at the discretion of the Admissions Committee, with a recommendation to the UNM College of Nursing, Academic Dean.

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Graduation Requirements

Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination The University requires doctoral (Ph.D.) students to pass a Comprehensive Examination, specific to the discipline, before advancement to Ph.D. candidacy. At the College of Nursing, the Comprehensive Examination consists of two components: (1) a progression exam; and (2) preparation and defense of a dissertation proposal. Students must pass both components to be admitted to doctoral candidacy. The progression exam is a required, online, written exam that tests a student's knowledge of the content from the six core courses. Students take the progression examination after completing the following Nursing courses of the Ph.D. program: 600, 601, 606, 607, 620 and 621. Students must earn a passing grade on each section of the exam. A student who fails one or more sections must receive his or her advisor's approval prior to enrolling in, or continuing to be enrolled in, any course. A student who fails only one section of the exam must retake that section the next time the progression exam is administered. A student who fails more than one section of the exam must retake all sections of the exam the next time it is administered. A student who fails all or part of the progression exam on a second attempt will be suspended from the Ph.D. program. The student may reapply to the program; however, readmission is at the discretion of the Ph.D. program faculty and is not guaranteed. See the Graduate Program section of this Catalog for more information. As the second component of the comprehensive examination, the student must prepare a written dissertation proposal and pass an oral examination (proposal defense) conducted by the dissertation committee. After passing both Ph.D. comprehensive examination components, the student must apply for and be admitted to doctoral candidacy.

Program Information

Degree Type
Doctor of Philosophy

Degree/Certificate Type	**CIP Code** ❓	**CIP Title** ❓
Doctoral		

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed
Licensure Information
Post-licensure

Existing
Licensure Information
Pre-licensure

Proposed
Professional credential or licensure description
Students enrolled in the PhD in Nursing must hold a valid RN license in any U.S. state, territory, or foreign country.

Existing
Professional credential or licensure description

File Uploads

Proposed   **Executive Summary Upload**   **Associate Provost Memo**
Proposal File Upload

- PhD Curriculum spreadsheet.xlsx

Existing
Proposal File Upload

Degree Information

Degree Hours   **Minimum Major Hours**
69-70

Proposed
Professional Accrediting Bodies

Existing
Professional Accrediting Bodies
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education

Degree Requirements

Requirements

Required Core Courses

24
Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - NURS600 - Philosophical Foundations of Nursing Science (3)
    - NURS601 - Theoretical Foundations of Research (3)
    - NURS606 - Quantitative Methods in Health Research (3)
    - NURS607 - Qualitative Methods in Health Research (3)
    - NURS620 - Health Care Statistics I (3)
    - NURS621 - Health Care Statistics II (3)
    - NURS640 - Health Policy, Politics, and Research (3)
  - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
    - NURS690 - Ph.D. Seminar (1 - 3)
  - ~~All student must take the Progression Exam before starting NURS 640 and 690.~~

Methods Courses

6
Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - ~~NURS606 - Quantitative Methods in Health Research (3)~~
    - **NURS612 - Health Outcomes Research (3)**
  - ~~Complete at least 1 of the following:~~
    - ~~NURS613 - Mixed Methods Research (3)~~
    - ~~NURS615 - Critical Ethnography and CBPR in Health Care Research (3)~~
  - **Complete the following:**
    - **NURS613 - Mixed Methods Research (3)**

Concentration or Individualized Study

21 - 22
Total Credits

- Complete 1 of the following
  - **Health Policy**
    - Complete all of the following
      - **Complete the following:**
        - **NURS641 - Understanding Health Disparities in Policy and Research (3)**
        - **NURS642 - Health Care Economics (3)**
        - **NURS648 - Introduction to Health Policy Field Placement (1)**
        - **NURS649 - Health Policy Field Placement (3)**
      - Earn at least ~~22~~ **12** credits from the following types of courses: ~~Health~~**Choose** ~~Policy~~**from:** ~~Concentration~~**NURS 605, NURS 608, NURS 611, NURS 693** (~~see~~**selected** ~~concentration~~**topics),** ~~requirements~~**NURS** ~~above)~~**694, NURS 715, NURS 727, or other courses approved by the student's advisor or dissertation Chair and Committee.**
  - **Individualized Study**
    - Complete all of the following
      - Earn at least 21 credits from the following:

- - - NURS602 - Theory II: Synthesis of Knowledge for Nursing Inquiry (3)
      - NURS605 - Symptom Management Science (3)
      - NURS608 - Environments of Human Health and Nursing (3)
      - NURS611 - Rural and Cultural Health (3)
      - NURS693 - Topics (1 - 6)
      - NURS715 - Genetics and Genomics for Advanced Practice Nursing (3)
      - NURS727 - Health Care Innovations and Informatics (3)
      - NURS615 - Critical Ethnography and CBPR in Health Care Research (3)
    - Other elective courses may be approved by the student's advisor or dissertation Chair and Committee.

Advancement to Ph.D. Candidacy

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Total Credits

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Dissertation

18

Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
  - Earn at least 18 credits from the following:
    - NURS699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)
  - The dissertation is a comprehensive written report of an original investigation of a significant problem in the major field of study which must demonstrate the student's ability to conduct independent research and the student's competence in scholarly exposition. The dissertation should provide the basis for a publishable contribution to the research literature. In addition to the approval of the dissertation committee, the research will require review and approval by the Human Research Protections Office of the UNM Health Sciences Center to ensure compliance with requirements for protection of human research subjects. Composition of the Dissertation Committee: The Chair and members of the student's dissertation committee guide the student in planning the remainder of the program of studies (coursework), choosing a dissertation topic, and developing ideas for the dissertation proposal. All Ph.D. in Nursing students must identify a dissertation committee Chair no later than the second year of enrollment in the Ph.D. program. The Chair must hold a tenured or tenure-track appointment in the College of Nursing. The Chair assists the student in identifying dissertation committee members. The dissertation committee consists of at least four members, all of whom must be approved for committee service by the Associate Dean of Research and Scholarship. Apart from the Chair, at least one other committee member must hold a tenured or tenure-track appointment at UNM (i.e., at least two members must

have tenured or tenure-track UNM appointments). At least one member must be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member external to the College of Nursing (either in another academic unit at UNM or at another university). The Chair and dissertation committee members must meet Graduate Studies requirements for composition of Doctoral Dissertation Committees.

Grand Total Credits: 69 - 70

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
CON Hlth Poly	Health Policy

Concentration Required
No

Emphases

Emphasis required ❓

No

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis Rules

No Rules

Program Learning Outcomes

Proposed
Learning Outcomes

Goals of the PhD Program include developing nurse scientists who can:

1. Conduct independent research pertaining to the generation and synthesis of new knowledge and theory that contributes to the health of individuals and communities.
2. Conduct independent formal inquiry pertaining to health care, reflective caring practice, critical synthesis of existing knowledge and the generation of new knowledge and theory.
3. Practice nursing reflectively, guided by theory, based on best evidence and integrating creative and critical thinking.
4. Cultivate research expertise relative to a particular population, setting or human response to health or illness.
5. Evaluate and critique social policy relevant to the organization and delivery of health care.

Existing
Learning Outcomes

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