The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing is designed to prepare nurse scientists who will be prepared to assume a variety of roles in research, education, leadership and health policy. The University of Louisville PhD in Nursing degree will prepare nurse scientists to:

• generate knowledge, test interventions, evaluate outcomes to reduce risks of illness/disability and promote quality of life
• collaborate with other disciplines to improve the delivery of health care
• assume research, leadership, executive, public policy and teaching roles
• affect health policy through the application of scientific knowledge

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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS
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ADMISSIONS

A holistic review process is used when considering applications for admission to the PhD program in Nursing. The holistic review considers multiple criteria for admissions:

- applicant’s professional career goals
- academic capabilities
- grade point averages
- research interests
- area of expertise
- community engagement
- potential for scholarly career
- RN license

UNIVERSITY GENERAL INFORMATION

The University of Louisville is a nationally recognized, state-supported research university located in Kentucky’s largest metropolitan area. UofL enrolls more than 22,000 students and offers undergraduate degrees in more than 50 fields of study, master’s degrees in more than 70 areas and doctoral degrees in more than 35 disciplines. The university also is accredited to grant professional degrees in medicine, dentistry and law.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Evaluation of all international transcripts through a university-approved evaluator is required. Students for whom English is not their primary language must show English language proficiency. Licensed as registered nurses in their country of origin, if licensure is available. Admissions criteria details are available on the School of Nursing webpage louisville.edu/nursing

PLAN OF STUDY

Each student’s plan of study is individualized based on full or part-time programs of study, elective courses based on individual student’s interest and selection of core courses focused on research methods.

Three program options are offered:

- **BSN to PhD** students complete the first year of coursework at the master’s level and then continue on to doctoral level work. Three years of full-time coursework. Part-time option is available.
- **MSN to PhD** students enter directly into doctoral course work. Two years of full-time coursework. Part-time option is available.
- **DNP to PhD** students enter directly into doctoral course work. Three years of part-time coursework. Dissertation may build upon the DNP scholarly project.

Following completion of all coursework, students are required to pass a qualifying examination and conduct dissertation research. The dissertation may be completed in a traditional or manuscript option format.

Students receive intensive mentoring by experienced faculty researchers. Emphasis is placed on developing mentorships between established scholars and developing scholars to facilitate student success in research, grant writing and dissemination activities.