Nursing Science

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Degree Requirements

PhD in Nursing Science

The PhD in Nursing Science requires 62 graduate units of course work and research. Students will complete four core areas of study plus a required minor/cognate and a dissertation. The four core areas are Nursing Science, Research Methods, Statistics, and Mentored Research Experience. Students can choose a minor in informatics, clinical investigation, or dissemination and implementation science, or they may propose a customized track that is a match with nursing faculty research areas and that complements the applicant’s nursing area of research. Courses in the Nursing Science and Research Methods core areas will be taught by faculty at Goldfarb School of Nursing. Courses in the Statistics core and the minor courses will be taught by faculty at Washington University. The Mentored Research Experience will be taught by scientists at both Goldfarb School of Nursing and Washington University. A Mentored Teaching Experience is also required.

The program is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study. This generally involves five semesters of course work (50 units) followed by a preliminary examination, a qualifying examination, and three semesters of dissertation work (12 units). Students may be eligible for fourth- and fifth-year options if these are necessary for the completion of the proposed dissertation work.