Nursing Science

The Department of Nursing Science is a collaboration between Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College and the School of Medicine at Washington University. The Goldfarb School of Nursing emphasizes the reciprocation among research, clinical practice, and teaching based on the belief that clinical practice advises research, research advises clinical practice, and both research and clinical practice advise teaching. The school's commitment to the preparation of the next generation of nurse scientists is reflected in the strong research emphasis of the PhD program in the science of nursing.

The goal of the PhD program is to educate nurse scientists whose career goals include conducting nursing research. Students bring a unique combination of nursing knowledge and clinical experiences to doctoral study, and these serve as the basis for the development of programs of study that are both compatible with the core doctoral curriculum and individualized to allow for the gaining of in-depth knowledge in a specialized area of study. The PhD in Nursing Science provides a solid foundation for graduates to pursue rigorous programs of nursing research that are clinically significant and contribute to the advancement of nursing science.

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