

# PhD in Nursing Science

## Degree Requirements

The PhD in Nursing Science requires 62 graduate units of coursework 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 for full-time or part-time study. The full-time track is designed to be completed in three years. This generally involves five semesters of coursework (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. The part-time PhD program may be completed in five to seven years, with a maximum of nine years. Part-time students must be enrolled in at least 3 credit units (and no more than 8 credit units) per semester for continuous semesters until unit requirements for the program are met. Course credit requirements and milestone accomplishments are the same for full-time and part-time study. A Title, Scope and Procedure form must be submitted to the school registrar or appropriate record custodian at least six months before the degree is expected to be conferred or before beginning the sixth year of enrollment, whichever is earlier. The expectation is that students enrolled in the part-time program will stay in the part-time program, and that students enrolled in the full-time program will stay in the full-time program. A decision to change programs must be done in consultation with and with approval from the program director.