DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing program is a research-based doctoral degree. The program prepares the student for a career as a clinical nurse scientist who, through course selection and experiences, develops as a teacher and disseminator of knowledge within professional, academic, and clinical arenas. The program is administered by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in collaboration with the School of Nursing.

PROGRAM LENGTH
3 - 6 years

COURSE DELIVERY
On-Campus (weekly attendance required)

ENROLLMENT
Full-Time or Part-Time options available

APPLICATION DEADLINE
April 1

ENTRY TERM
Fall

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing or Master of Science in Nursing degree from a CCNE, ACEN, or NLNAC accredited program
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in last 60 hours of college coursework
- Three professional references
- Interview & writing sample

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PhD Degree Requirements

Students may enter the PhD program with a baccalaureate degree in nursing or master’s degree in nursing. They will complete a minimum of 81 semester credit hours (which includes previous graduate course work) in three to six years.

Full-time and part-time study options are available. Part-time study for doctoral students is defined as six semester credit hours or two courses in the fall and spring semesters and one course in the summer semester. Full-time study for doctoral students is defined as nine semester credit hours or three courses in the fall and spring semesters and two courses in the summer semester.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Office of Veteran Affairs & Financial Aid, in conjunction with the Office of Admissions, strives to lessen the financial hardship of obtaining a professional degree through scholarships and loans for eligible students. To receive financial assistance, students are required to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA school code is 003659. Students not eligible for federal aid or international students seeking access to the scholarship application should complete the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). To learn more about financial aid and veteran benefits, please visit https://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/.

Loans
- Federal Direct Stafford and Parent PLUS Loan
- College Access Loan
- Private Loans

Scholarships
- General Scholarships
- Private Donor Scholarships
- Endowed Scholarships

Military Students
- Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Program
- Air Force Nurse Corps Foundation Scholarship
- Veteran Tuition Waivers