

UNIVERSITY *of* WASHINGTON | SCHOOL OF NURSING

PHD NURSING SCIENCE INFORMATION SESSION

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DATES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 1, 11:59 PM PT

INTERVIEWS:

SELECT APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO INTERVIEW. THOSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY, VIA ZOOM.

DECISIONS RELEASED:

END OF FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH

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WHAT MAKES OUR PHD PROGRAM DIFFERENT?



Complete in as few as three years

Full-time students receive a three-year funding package that includes full tuition and a stipend. The curriculum can be completed in as few as three years, though most students finish in four.



Research at the center of Seattle's health ecosystem

Conduct your research in a region that is home to UW Medicine, Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute and the Allen Institute.



Open to scholars across disciplines

Apply with a bachelor's degree in any field. Our community of scholars includes students from nursing, public health, sociology, psychology, music therapy and the humanities. RN licensure is required only if you plan to take clinical nursing courses.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

PhD graduates are prepared to:

- **Design and conduct original studies using quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods**
- **Build a focused program of research in an area of nursing science**
- **Develop research proposals and pursue funding**
- **Analyze complex health data and interpret findings for scientific, clinical and policy audiences**
- **Publish in peer-reviewed journals and present at scholarly conferences**
- **Teach and mentor the next generation of nurses and nurse scientists**

CAREERS IN NURSING SCIENCE

Graduates build research careers across academic, clinical, industry and public sector settings, including:

- **Postdoctoral research fellowships**
- **Tenure-track and research faculty positions at schools of nursing**
- **Nurse scientist roles in health systems and academic medical centers**
- **Research scientist positions in pharmaceutical, digital health and medical device industries**
- **Federal and public sector research and policy agencies**
- **Health policy and research consulting**

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A bachelor's degree in any discipline from an accredited university. Your degree may be in progress when you apply but must be completed before the program begins.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter graded credits.
- The ability to meet the criteria for Essential Qualifications and Behaviors.
- If you plan to take clinical nursing courses, an active, unrestricted Washington state RN license by the time the program begins. RN licensure is not required if you do not plan to take clinical courses.
- International applicants who plan to take clinical nursing courses must hold an active, unrestricted U.S. RN license at the time of application.
- Proof of English language proficiency (reading, writing, comprehension and spoken), if required.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- If you attended a college or university outside of the U.S., upload an official translated transcript to your application
- You must also upload a detailed credential/transcript evaluation for each non-U.S. post-secondary institution attended, which shows both U.S. credential equivalency and equivalent credits and grades for each course
- For more information on approved credential/transcript evaluation services, visit [International Applicant](#) page on our website

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- The GRE is not required.
- You will need to submit:
 - A current curriculum vitae.
 - A statement of goals and research interests.
 - Three letters of recommendation.
 - Transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended.
 - Transcripts issued in a language other than English must include an English translation.
 - You do not need to submit a separate foreign transcript for study-abroad coursework that appears on your home institution's transcript.
 - Proof of English language proficiency (reading, writing, comprehension and spoken) if required.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Review our [faculty directory](#) and identify two or three faculty members whose research aligns with your interests. Filter by **Research Interests** and select **Accepting PhD Students**. Faculty mentorship is central to the program, so this step will help you assess research fit and prepare a focused application.

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HOW TO APPLY?



APPLY

Complete and upload all components of the online application via the [UW Graduate School website](#).



APPLICATION FEE

All applicants will be charged a non-refundable \$90.00 application fee. Fee waivers are available on the [UW graduate school website](#).



FUNDING YOUR PHD

Full-time students receive a three-year funding package that includes full tuition and a stipend. Students receiving tuition support or a stipend enroll in a minimum of 10 credits in Autumn, Winter and Spring; *registration is not required in Summer.*

Most students complete the degree in four years. You'll work with your committee chair to plan funding beyond the three-year package. Students commonly pursue individual fellowship or traineeship funding, such as the NIH F31, and research or teaching assistantships across the University.

FUNDING YOUR PHD

- **Year 1**
 - **Tuition scholarship:** Approximately **\$7,850 per quarter**
 - **Stipend:** Approximately **\$3,800 per month**, paid twice monthly
- **Years 2 & 3**
 - **Academic Student Employee (ASE) position**, such as a Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, or Staff Assistant
 - A **50% FTE appointment provides full tuition coverage and a monthly stipend** during Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters
- **Health Insurance**
 - **Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP) health insurance** for three years
 - Students with eligible appointments receive coverage during the academic year, with Summer coverage based on eligibility

Funding amounts are approximate and based on recent funding rates. Funding, appointment types, stipend amounts, and benefits are subject to change.

PHD VS DNP

	PhD	DNP
Degree Focus	Research-focused doctoral degree that prepares you to generate new nursing knowledge	Practice-focused doctoral degree that prepares you to translate research into practice
Career Focus	Research & academia — Lead programs of research, shape nursing science, influence health policy, and prepare for faculty or research careers	Advanced practice & leadership — Lead in clinical and organizational settings, improve patient outcomes, and advance health systems
Ideal For	Nurses who want to ask and answer research questions and build the evidence that shapes nursing practice and policy	Nurses who want to apply evidence to practice and lead change in clinical, organizational, or healthcare settings
Program Format	In person in Seattle	Online coursework, quarterly on-campus intensives, and clinical placements in Washington state
What You'll Do	Conduct original research and complete a dissertation	Complete clinically focused learning and a practice project

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THANK YOU!
PLEASE EMAIL:
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