

For more than 40 years, the School of Nursing at George Mason University has been setting the standard for nursing in the National Capital Region. Throughout the mid-Atlantic and around the world, a Mason nursing graduate is known for being well prepared to work in the rapidly evolving health care environment. Our students are sought after for leadership roles in hospitals, nonprofits, and government organizations. Since we are located just 15 miles from the heart of the nation's capital, our students are trained in world-class hospital settings and innovative community clinics to serve a diverse patient population.

### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing**

The PhD in Nursing program prepares nurses for leadership roles in a variety of organizations, health-related agencies, and educational institutions. Our nationally and internationally recognized faculty prepare scholars who will pursue intellectual inquiry and creative scholarship through independent and collaborative research, advance nursing science, and provide leadership to the nursing profession. Students will develop a depth of knowledge in their scientific emphasis area through required course work and mentored research experience, selection of supporting electives, independent study, and dissertation research. Graduates are prepared to conceptualize and conduct independent research to advance knowledge in nursing and health care and initiate and participate in interprofessional research with nurses and scholars from other disciplines.

Students may be eligible for several scholarships, as well as research and teaching assistant positions. Ample opportunities are available for students to work with faculty on research projects and to apply scientific knowledge with faculty guidance.

### **Application Requirements**

Admission to the program is competitive, and a variety of criteria are evaluated in the admissions process, including the strength of the undergraduate record and any post-baccalaureate coursework, GRE scores, match with faculty research, career goals, letters of recommendation, professional and/or volunteer experience, evidence of the ability to write and conduct research at the graduate level, and any additional evidence of potential success in the program.

Information regarding application guidelines and requirements can be found at the Graduate Admissions website: <https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/graduate>. For additional program details, visit CHHS Admissions at <http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate/index.cfm>. Meeting the minimum application criteria does not guarantee admission. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis. The application for graduate study is available at [admissions.gmu.edu](https://admissions.gmu.edu).

Applications are considered for the **fall semester only**. Applicants must hold a master's degree (equivalent to at least 30 semester credits) with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA from a regionally accredited institution or a master's degree in a related health field with a BSN degree. Applicants must complete the GRE. In addition, applicants must hold a current RN license and have completed a graduate course in statistics within the last two years to be considered. An interview

with one or more persons on the Doctoral Admissions Committee is also required as part of the admission process.

### **Special Requirements**

All nursing students must maintain a current nursing license. Nursing students must meet certain mandatory requirements, including a certified criminal background check, proof of health insurance coverage, immunizations, and other university requirements. Specific information will be provided once the offer of admission to the nursing program has been accepted.

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