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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING SCIENCE PROGRAM CURRICULUM - FULL TIME

Note: Effective for students beginning their program of study Autumn 2026. Not applicable for students entering prior to Autumn 2026. Students are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 10 credits Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters if receiving tuition support/stipend unless have an approved accommodation. Registration is not required during Summer.

YEAR 1	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
	Course (Credits) NURS 588 (4): Philosophical Inquiry and Nursing Science NURS 587 (3): Leadership Seminar Statistics (4) course #1 (link below with suggested courses) Additional coursework*	Course (Credits) NURS 589 (4): Application of Theory and Evidence in Nursing Science Statistics (4) course #2 Additional coursework*	Course (Credits) NMETH 579 (5): Quantitative Research Methods NMETH 582 (5): Qualitative Inquiry Statistics (4) course #3 Preliminary Exam¹ Additional coursework*	Electives if desired (not required)** (from approved list) Preliminary Exam¹

YEAR 2	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
	Course (Credits) Suggested options NURS 610 (3) Teaching Practicum NMETH 610 (2-4) Research Practicum (Min of 4 credits required during program) Additional coursework*	Course (Credits) NURS 595 (4): Synthesis of Nursing Science Additional coursework*	Course (Credits) NMETH 596 (4): Application of Methods in Conduct of Research Additional coursework* Ex. BIOST 524 (3)²: Design of Medical Studies	General exam (done with approval of dissertation committee-exact date to be determined-may be at start of fall quarter Electives if desired (not required)**

YEAR 3	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
	Any remaining requirements and dissertation.			

YEAR 4	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
	If needed, dissertation.			

*Additional coursework: Students are required to complete the following additional course work. Epidemiology (4 credits min), Clinical trials (3 credits min), Policy courses (2 credits min), Advanced Nursing Science or Nursing Methods (6 credits min), Related (non-nursing) Fields (6 credits min). Please discuss timing with your advisor. Suggested courses can be found [here](#) (list is not comprehensive).

¹ Preliminary Exam: Timing of this varies and will be decided each year by PhDC in collaboration with core course faculty.

²BIOSTAT 524 is an option of a clinical trials course; see other clinical trial courses [on approved list](#).

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