

PhD Program in Nursing Science

DNP to PhD

Clinical Doctorate Entry Level Option

PROGRAM FEATURES

- **FOCUSED** research training for those with a clinical background
- **LEADS** to highest academic degree in nursing, the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD)
- **TRANSFORMS** nurse clinicians into top-notch nurse scientists
- **PREPARES** graduates to conduct original research that informs practice and health policy
- **EMPHASIZES** the use of innovative research methods and information to advance scientific knowledge
- **PREPARES** nurse scientists capable of performing in a range of health-related professional roles and able to function in interdisciplinary teams
- **PROVIDES** rigorous research training and multiple opportunities for creative, interdisciplinary collaboration
- **ENABLES** graduates to become leaders in the community and the profession



The PhD Program is dedicated to preparing graduates to pursue successful careers as nurse scientists, faculty, and leaders responsible for advancing evidence-based healthcare and policy.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

BECOME A LEADER, BECOME THE FUTURE!

CURRICULUM

DNP - Ph.D. A minimum of 45 hours required. The program may be completed in as little as two years.

This is offered as an intensive on-campus experience augmented by online and distance activities.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

The qualifying examination taken once the majority of coursework is completed.

DISSERTATION: MINIMUM 12 CREDITS

You must complete and successfully defend a dissertation. The College of Nursing requires a minimum of 12 credit hours of dissertation and may elect up to 24 hours. You may register for dissertation hours the semester following admission to candidacy. After candidacy approval, you must enroll for a minimum of two dissertation hours each semester while working on the dissertation.

NOTE: You are to meet with your faculty advisor/major professor for individual program plan.

Many forms of financial assistance are available through the USF Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid Services. In addition, the College of Nursing awards specific scholarships to current admitted students by way of grants and endowed funding.

NOTE: All information contained in this document is for informational purposes only and is superseded by the catalog for your intended term of entry



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/phd/curriculum.html

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- NGR 7848 or equivalent prior to enrollment (recommended for summer before Fall semester entry)
- Clinical Doctorate in Nursing from a regionally accredited nursing program
- 3.0 GPA
- Scored competitively on the quantitative, verbal and analytic portions of the GRE
- Demonstrated commitment to doctoral study and scholarly productivity
- Potential research interests compatible with those of current faculty
- Personal interview with senior assistant dean of the PhD program
- Evidence of potential for leadership in nursing profession

Applicants from countries where English is not the official language must demonstrate English proficiency. Please see USF Graduate Catalog for more information or contact USF Office of Admissions: www.usf.edu/admissions

Attend a Live Information Session:
documents.health.usf.edu/display/CON/Information+Sessions

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1. Submit USF admissions application online at www.usf.edu/admission
2. Submit a SOAR application to the College of Nursing <https://hscf.hsc.usf.edu/soar>
Please note a U-number is required in order to submit the College of Nursing application. Individuals who have completed step 1 (applied to USF Admissions) will receive an email from USF on how to access their U-number within 48-72 hours. Therefore, individuals should allow up to 3 days after applying to USF before attempting to login/apply to the College of Nursing
3. Submit required documentation in one complete packet:
 - Three recommendations (must use PhD recommendation form)
 - Resume or vita
 - Written goals statement
 - Copy of GRE scores
 - Sealed official transcripts from every institution of higher learning previously attended

Note: Follow the instructions and use the templates found at - <http://health.usf.edu/nursing/academics/phd/apply>

Mail complete packet to:
USF College of Nursing
Attn: Doctoral Graduate Admissions
12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MDC 22
Tampa, FL 33612

Electronic transcripts cannot be accepted. All coursework and degrees completed outside the United States require a course by course evaluation from an approved evaluating agency.

All three steps in the application process must be completed by 5 p.m. on the deadline established for each application cycle. Priority admission for the PhD Program has a deadline of December 15 at 5 p.m.

4. Personal interview with senior assistant dean of the PhD program.