

College of Nursing

NURSING SCIENCE

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The College of Nursing offers work leading to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Nursing. Concentrations are available in Administrative Studies in Nursing; Maternal-Child Nursing; Medical-Surgical Nursing; Mental Health Nursing; and Public Health Nursing.

Interdepartmental concentrations in Gender and Women's Studies and in Neuroscience are available to doctoral students; and the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health is available to master's and doctoral students. In addition, the college participates with the Graduate Professional Business Program in the MS in Nursing/MBA joint degree program, with the School of Public Health in the MS in Nursing/MPH joint degree program, with the School of Biomedical and Health Information Sciences in the MS in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics, and offers a Baccalaureate to Doctoral program. The College of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work must be submitted. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

Baccalaureate Field Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree with an upper-division major in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program or a baccalaureate degree in another field and have graduated from a nursing program preparing the student for registered professional nursing. For the student with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing, the courses NUSC 210, 242, and 385 must be completed. Additional course work may be required in some specializations. Consult the College of Nursing's Graduate Manual.

Grade Point Average At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.

Tests Required GRE General. Applicants to the MS/MBA joint degree program may substitute the GMAT. The GRE is waived for applicants with a 3.25/4.00 GPA in the last 60 hours of their degree.

Minimum TOEFL Score 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).

Letters of Recommendation Three required; the letters should describe the applicant's suitability for further study in professional nursing.

Personal Statement Required. The statement should address the applicant's previous work and academic experience.

Other Requirements Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction. Applicants whose baccalaureate degree is in a nonnursing field have additional course requirements. Applicants must be interviewed by a graduate faculty member in the program area selected.

Master of Science Graduate Entry Program

Graduate Entry Program The Graduate Entry Program is designed for individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing and wish to become an advanced practice nurse. The program begins every January with a highly intensive 15-month program in the foundations of nursing which prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After successful completion of the exam, students complete a master's degree.

Baccalaureate Field Baccalaureate degree, no restrictions.

Grade Point Average At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.

Tests Required GRE General. Applicants to the MS/MBA may substitute the GMAT.

Minimum TOEFL Score 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).

Letters of Recommendation Three required; the letters should describe the applicant's suitability for study in professional nursing.

Personal Statement Required. The statement should address the applicant's professional and academic goals.

Prior Academic Course Work Prior (within five years of matriculation) academic work must include English Composition (6 semester hours), General Biology or Chemistry (4 sh) Human Anatomy and Physiology (8 sh), Humanities (6 sh in two different fields), Introduction to Research Methods (3 sh), and Social Sciences (6 sh in two different fields)

Other Requirements Applicants must be interviewed by a GEP faculty member and a graduate faculty member in the selected specialty area.



Doctor of Philosophy

Baccalaureate Field Applicant must have a baccalaureate degree with an upper-division major in nursing or a master's degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program. Applicants who have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited nursing program, but have a master's degree in a field other than nursing are also eligible for consideration for admission. Students enrolled in graduate study in nursing at UIC may continue their graduate study in the doctoral program after being approved by the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee of the College of Nursing.

Grade Point Average At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester (90 quarter) hours of undergraduate study.

Tests Required GRE General.

Minimum TOEFL Score 550 (paper-based); 213 (computer-based); 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (new Internet-based TOEFL).

Letters of Recommendation Three required. The letters should describe the applicant's suitability for further study in professional nursing.

Personal Statement Required. The statement should address the applicant's overall career goals, previous work, and academic experience.

Other Requirements Applicants must be licensed to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction. Applicants must be interviewed by a graduate faculty member in the program area selected. Admission is conditional on the availability of a faculty expert in the student's research area.

MS in Nursing/MBA

Prospective students for the joint degree program must apply and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for admission to the MS program are listed above. Additional requirements for the joint degree program are one course in computer programming (any higher-level language) and mathematics through the level of calculus (covering integration and differentiation).

MS in Nursing/MPH

Prospective students must apply and be admitted to both programs. The requirements for admission to the MS program are listed above. The joint program is designed for baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses seeking advanced nursing and public health backgrounds and public health nursing positions. Consult the School of Public Health's Student Handbook for information on the admission requirements of the MPH program.

MS in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics

A student must meet the admissions criteria of both programs and is admitted separately to each through separate applications. The program of study may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

Master of Science

Minimum Semester Hours Required Varies by concentration.

Maternal-Child Nursing: Nurse Midwifery, 58–60; Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, 45–47; Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, 56–58.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, 42–45; Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, 47–50; Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, 52–54 ; Adult Nurse Practitioner, 45–47; Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, 43–45; Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, 46–48.

Mental Health Nursing: Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, 46–48; Mental Health Nurse Practitioner 49–51.

Nursing: Administrative Studies in Nursing, 36–39.

Public Health Nursing: Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist, 40–45; Family Nurse Practitioner, 51–53; Occupational Health Clinical Nurse Specialist, 40–44; Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner, 62–64; School Nurse Practitioner, 56–60; School Nurse Specialist, 38–42.

Course Work Required Core Courses: NUSC 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598 are required for all concentrations.

Concentration Courses:

Maternal-Child Nursing: Nurse Midwifery—NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 507, 508, 515, 517, 518, 519, 524, 525, and 528.

Maternal-Child Nursing: Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 502, 504, 510, 515, 520, 521, and 522.

Maternal-Child Nursing: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, 533, and 535; NUMC 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, and 515.

Maternal-Child Nursing: Perinatal Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 500, 531, and 532; NUMC 502, 504, 507, 508, 515, 520, 521, and 522.

Maternal-Child Nursing: Women's Health Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUMC 507, 508, 517, 518, 519, 524, and 525; NUWH elective.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 530, 532, 533, 535, 537, and 540.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Acute Care Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, and 540.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533. NUMS 534, 540, 544, 556, 558, 560, and 570.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Adult Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 530, 534, 540, 544, 548, and 560.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 540, 550, 552, 553, 555, and 557.

Medical-Surgical Nursing: Geriatric Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 530, 531, 532, and 533; NUMS 540, 550, 552, 554, 556, and 558.

Mental Health Nursing: Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 531, 532, and 533; NUPS 400, 515, 516, 517, 518, 521, and 522.

Mental Health Nursing: Mental Health Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 531, 532, and 533. NUPS 400, 515, 516, 517, 518, 521, 522, 523; PSCH 467 or a comparable neuroscience course approved by their adviser.

Nursing: Administrative Studies in Nursing—NUAS 501, 502, 505, 512, 517, and 520; HPA 511; MGMT 541; electives.

Public Health Nursing: Advanced Community Health Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 505, 507, 509, 511, 512, 517, and 520; EOHS 400; EPID 400.

Public Health Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532 and 535; NUPH 500, 509, 511, 524, 525, and 528; EPID 400.

Public Health Nursing: Occupational Health Clinical Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 400, 505, 502 or 509, 511, 517, and 520. EPID 400; EOHS 421, 482, 551, and 558.

Public Health Nursing: Occupational Health Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532 and 535; NUPH 400, 500, 505, 509, 511, 524, 525, and 529; EOHS 421, 482, 551 and 558; EPID 400.

Public Health Nursing: School Nurse Practitioner—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUSC 531, 532, and 535; NUPH 500, 502, 505, 509, 511, 519, 524, 525, and 528; EPID 400.

Public Health Nursing: School Nurse Specialist—NUSC 525 or BSTT 400; NUPH 502, 505, 509, 511, 512, 517, and 519; EPID 400; EOHS 400.

Comprehensive Examination None.

Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options Thesis or project required. No other options are available.

Thesis: Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.

Project: Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.

MS in Nursing/MBA

Minimum Semester Hours Required 63–65.

Course Work Required Core Courses: NUSC 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.

Concentration Core Courses: NUAS 501, 502, 505, 517, and 520; ACTG 500; ECON 520; FIN 500; IDS 532; MGMT 541; MKTG 500; and 16 hours of MBA electives.

Comprehensive Examination None.

Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options Thesis or project required. No other options are available.

Thesis: Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.

Project: Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.

MS in Nursing/MPH

Minimum Semester Hours Required 53–57.

Course Work Required Core Courses: BSTT 400 or NUSC 525; NUSC 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.

Concentration Core: NUPH 505, 507, 512, and 517; CHSC 400, 431, 432, and 480; EPID 400; EOHS 400; CHSC 401; IPHS 698; Choose one of the following: CHSC 527, CHSC 543, or HPA 430; IPHS 650.

Comprehensive Examination None.

Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options Thesis or project required. No other options are available.

Thesis: Students must earn 5 hours in NUSC 598.

Project: Students must earn 3 hours in NUSC 597.

Other Requirements Students in the joint program will have two advisers, one from the public health nursing faculty in the College of Nursing, and one from the community health sciences program in the School of Public Health. Students may withdraw from the joint program and transfer to one of the two degree programs.

MS in Nursing/MS in Health Informatics

Minimum Semester Hours Required 65.

Course Work Core and Core Support Courses: NUSC 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, and 597 or 598.

Concentration Core: NUAS 501, 502, 505, 512, 517, 520; BHIS 437, 503, 505, 510, 511, 525, 537, and 13–15 hours of BHIS electives. BHIS 515, 517, and 520 are recommended electives for the Informatics Nurse Certification Exam.

Doctor of Philosophy

Minimum Semester Hours Required 96 from the baccalaureate.

Course Work Required Courses: NUSC 505, 506, 511, 515, 517, 585, 590, and 6 hours of statistics or 9 hours of statistics if without a master's in nursing.

Electives: At least 14 hours must be in 400- and 500-level didactic courses with a focus on advanced nursing science and 18 hours of additional course work are required if without a master's in nursing.



Preliminary Examination Required.

Dissertation Required. Students must earn at least 24 hours in NUSC 599.

Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies

Doctoral students in this department may complement their courses by enrolling for a concentration in Gender and Women's Studies after consulting with their graduate adviser. See *Gender and Women's Studies* in the *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* section for more information.

Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience

Doctoral students may pursue the Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience. Refer to *Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience* in the *Graduate College* section for more information.

Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health

Web Site: <http://www.uic.edu/nursing/>

Concentration Director: Beverly McElmurry

Students earning a graduate degree in the College of Nursing or the School of Public Health may complement their courses by enrolling for a concentration in Women's Health after consulting with their graduate adviser.

Graduate Program	Level
Nursing	MS, PhD
Public Health Sciences	MS, PhD

Students from the above programs pursuing this concentration must elect the concentration by submitting a letter to the director of the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health, and obtain approval of a course of study from a concentration adviser. Students should enroll in a minimum of 12 hours of course work, including one from NUWH 550, NUAS 550, and NUSC 550. Of the 12 hours, at least 6 hours must be taken outside of the students' primary school or college in approved Women's Health related courses. At least one course must be through the Gender and Women's Studies Program, and at least 1 course must be in the health-related sciences, such as through the School of Public Health or the College of Nursing. Up to 3 semester hours may be taken in independent study or thesis research as approved by the student's concentration adviser after development of and submission of a plan of work to the director of the concentration.

Admission Requirements

A student intending to participate in the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health must be admitted or enrolled at the University of Illinois in one of the designated degree programs in order to elect this concentration. Designated degree programs include the MS and PhD in Nursing, and the MS, MPH, PhD, and DrPH in Public Health. Students must formally elect the concentration by submitting a plan of work, which is developed with the assistance of a concentration adviser, to the director

of the concentration and by informing their home department. The plan of work is a 500-word proposal to the concentration director indicating their interest in the concentration, what they hope to learn from this concentration, the relation of the concentration to their future career goals, and their anticipated course of study in the concentration.

Degree Requirements

1. Relation to primary program requirements: Students must meet all of the requirements of their primary department or school and of the graduate program. This concentration does not alter those requirements in any manner.
2. Adviser selection: Students must select a concentration adviser from a list of designated or affiliated faculty.
3. Total concentration hours, core and elective hours, listing of core course numbers: This is a minimum 4-course concentration totaling a minimum of 12 credit hours. It is composed of 3 core courses, with one course being an introduction to the field of Women's Health, one Women's Health issues course, and one theory/methods course. Students also take 1 elective course for a minimum of 3 semester hours. A maximum of 3 semester hours may be in independent study. Students may obtain a list of approved courses in each area from their concentration adviser.
4. Interdepartmental requirement: At least one course must be through the Gender and Women's Studies Program, and at least 1 course must be in the health-related sciences, such as through the School of Public Health or the College of Nursing. A minimum of 6 semester hours must be outside of a student's home area. Home area refers to the sponsoring academic unit. For cross-listed courses, the primary academic unit controlling the course is considered the home area.
5. Selection options for electives: Electives comprise at least 3 semester hours in this concentration and may be in independent study.
6. Independent study or thesis research: Students may choose independent study or thesis research as an elective in this concentration for a maximum of 3 credit hours. The student, in consultation with the concentration adviser, develops a plan of work for the independent study or thesis research. This plan of study specifies the goals for the semester, a reading list, and any expected product. A copy of this plan is submitted to the director of the concentration. For thesis research to count toward the concentration, it must also be approved by the student's primary academic unit.
7. Students must obtain an A, B, or Satisfactory grade for all courses in this concentration.

