

## Admission Requirements

1. Meet requirements for admission to the Graduate School.
2. Hold a master's degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Some outstanding applicants who are prepared at the bachelor's level in nursing may be considered. In such cases, graduate level courses in nursing theory, clinical specialties, and/or research will be integrated into the formal program of doctoral degree requirements.
3. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale for previous college work.
4. Have successfully completed a graduate level statistics course and graduate nursing theory and research courses prior to enrollment in the nursing doctoral courses.
5. Have achieved a competitive score on the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination.

## Application Process

1. Complete College of Nursing Graduate Program Data Form.
2. Submit three (3) Graduate School rating forms from college level instructors and/or nurses and administrators who have supervised applicant's professional work.
3. Submit a sample of scholarly writing (e.g., thesis, published paper).
4. Submit an essay describing personal and professional aspirations.
5. Submit entire application (3 rating forms, essay, Graduate Application for Admission, Graduate Program Data Form, academic transcripts, writing sample, and GRE scores) before the deadline specified on the website.
6. Submit TOEFL Scores if native language is not English. A minimum score of 550 is required.
7. Have a personal interview with the College of Nursing PhD program Admissions Committee.

**Applications for the 2010 class must be received by October 15th, 2009.**

Late applicants will be considered only if there is space remaining in the class.

# PhD Nursing

## New Options New Access

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an accelerated option for  
Nurse Educators

## General Information

The PhD Program in Nursing at UT Knoxville prepares nursing scholars capable of integrating research, theory, and practice into their roles as researchers, educators, and/or administrators. The faculty value quality, community, innovation, and accessibility. Students have the option of coordinating their doctoral research with faculty or pursuing their own interests. A new manuscript dissertation option has been added to the curriculum.

## Important Facts

There are four (4) options\* to complete the program:

- An accelerated option for nurse educators that includes a minor in education (course work is completed in 15 months).
- A full-time curriculum for students desiring cognates other than education (see web site for options: <http://nursing.con.utk.edu>).
- A part-time curriculum (2 courses per semester).
- A BSN-to-PhD curriculum for students who do not have an MSN degree.

\* Note that all options make maximum use of summers.

## Program Delivery Mechanisms

The reconfigured PhD program is delivered by a combination of on-line learning and periodic block scheduling of on-campus orientation and instructional activities. Students are required to be on campus once early in the semester and once near the end. On-campus time is for professional development, face to face meetings, classes, presentations, examinations, seminars, discussion and mentoring. On-campus schedules may vary slightly from term to term.