

# EXPLORE, ENGAGE, EXCEL ...AT THE SCHOOL OF nursing

The mission of the School of Nursing is to generate knowledge and prepare nurse leaders who create, lead, and participate in holistic efforts to improve the health of all people within the context of their environments.

The school has two locations: one in the heart of the vital and progressive Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the second in Rochester.



## POINTS OF pride

### The School of Nursing:

- Was founded in 1909, and is the oldest continuing university-based school of nursing in the nation.
- Is the only school of nursing in Minnesota to award the nursing PhD degree.
- Offers five innovative educational programs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN); Master of Nursing (MN); Postbaccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP); Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP); and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Has 36 faculty currently participating in 48 federally-funded grants ranging from maternal and child health to care of older adults.
- Is ranked in the top schools of nursing nationally (*NIH rankings, 2010*).
- Has nearly 10 percent of faculty engaged in the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. The University of Minnesota was awarded a \$51 million Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) by NIH.

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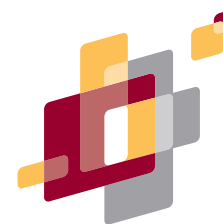
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## PhD Degree in Nursing



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# SHAPING YOUR path TO nursing research



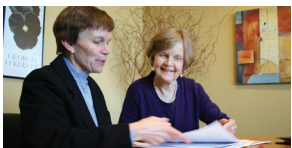
Across the country and around the world, there is an increasing demand for PhD-prepared nurses who can mentor future nurses and advance nursing science through research.

## EXCELLENCE IN NURSING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The PhD program at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing prepares creative and influential scholars for careers in research, academia, corporations, health care systems, and as leaders in nursing and health care. The program gives nursing and other health professionals the necessary tools to shape the future of nursing and health care through innovative research and mentored opportunities.

The School of Nursing is home to seven Centers of Excellence that offer rich and stimulating environments of faculty leaders and scientists. Centers provide research and scholarship opportunities that foster collaborations, stimulate clinically relevant research questions and innovative approaches, and facilitate creative partnerships. The school's focal areas of research include:

- Health Promotion among Vulnerable Populations
- Prevention and Management of Chronic Health Conditions
- Symptom Management
- Health/Nursing Informatics and Systems Improvement



## WHY STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The PhD program at the School of Nursing offers a rigorous, flexible curriculum with solid core requirements that include: nursing theory, research methods, health policy, ethics, and original scholarship. The school's PhD program provides:

- Coursework offered on campus and in web-enhanced formats within a vibrant scholarly community.
- Direct interaction with faculty who have national and international reputations in their fields of research and scholarship.
- Careful matching of students with faculty to ensure rich collaboration in coursework and dissertations. Dissertations focus on diverse areas including informatics, integrative therapies, aging, child health, and public health.
- Fully engaged faculty to mentor students throughout their programs of study.
- Opportunities for interprofessional learning and research collaboration.
- Numerous funding opportunities throughout student's programs of study.

Graduates of the School of Nursing's PhD program are independent, competitive scientists prepared to work as members of interprofessional teams, become leaders in health care systems, and conduct research to provide knowledge for evidence-based practice. They typically assume positions of stature and influence.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PhD students participate in the School of Nursing and University of Minnesota community of scholars and join interprofessional teams of colleagues in diverse areas of practice. Students establish their research trajectories early in the program. The program includes:

- 36 credits of required coursework in scholarly processes, nursing science, and an area of concentration.
- Other credits as required for student's dissertation topics and methodologies.
- At least 24 dissertation credits.

## Requirements

To be considered for admission to the School of Nursing PhD program, applicants must have:

- A baccalaureate or master's degree and a strong academic background in nursing or a field such as physical or behavioral science. Successful applicants typically have a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).
- Acceptable Graduate Record Examination (GRE), excellent references, and focused essays.

## Application Materials

The application process to the PhD program consists of two parts: Applicants apply to both the U of M School of Nursing and the Graduate School and must meet the requirements of both the School of Nursing and the Graduate School.

For more detailed information, go to [www.nursing.umn.edu/PhD](http://www.nursing.umn.edu/PhD).

**The priority application deadline is December 10. After this date, PhD applications are considered on a space available basis until March 1.**