## Program Coursework Groupings & Credits

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM OF STUDY** *(Note: Students can transfer in up to 40% of their credits with approval)*

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<th>Courses</th>
<th>Post baccalaureate-PhD</th>
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<td><strong>Suggested Graduate Nursing Core Courses (18 cr)</strong>&lt;sup&gt;a&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<sup>a</sup>Postbaccalaureate refers to BSN, BA, BS, or MN degrees, including non-nursing degrees. In addition to the core PhD program coursework, these students must take 18 additional graduate credits related to core nursing coursework; course decisions should be determined by advisers and students based on individual student needs.

<sup>b</sup>The overall minimum credits required for graduation is 76 for those who were admitted with a baccalaureate degree or a degree in a non-nursing field, and 58 for those who were admitted with a master’s degree. Most students take more than the minimum.

**Examples of Nursing Electives:** *Check with adviser prior to registering*

- NURS 5115: Interprofessional Health Care Informatics (3 cr)
- NURS 5925: Grant Writing and Critique (1 cr)
- NURS 7600: Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice (4 cr)
- NURS 6102: Family Health Care Theory for Nursing (2 cr)
- NURS 7200: Economics of Health Care (3 cr)
- NURS 7300: Program Evaluation (3 cr)
- NURS 7900: Scholarly Teaching & Learning in Nursing (3 cr)
- NURS 7904: Nursing Education Practicum (2 cr)
- NURS 8195: Mixed Methods in the Social, Behavioral and Applied Health Sciences (3 cr)
- NURS 8185: Qualitative Data Analysis for Health Care Research (3-4 cr)
- NURS 8179: Biophysiological Measurement and Instrumentation in Clinical Research (3 cr)
- NURS 8193: Special Topics in Nursing Research (1-6 cr)
# Course Requirements in a Recommended Plan

Taking courses in the order and semester listed below is recommended to enable students to complete courses with other students who were admitted at the same time as well as to ensure that prerequisites are completed properly.

## Year 1

### Fall Semester
- Nurs 8180: Doctoral Proseminar I: Scholarly Development (1 cr)
- Nurs 8175: Quantitative Research Design and Methods (3 cr)
- Nurs 8172: Theory and Theory Development for Research (3 cr)
- Statistics (3 cr)
  - **Total = 10 credits**

### Spring Semester
- Nurs 8171: Qualitative Research Design and Methods (3 cr)
- Nurs 8190: Critical Reading in Nursing Research (2 cr)
- Nurs 8152: Scholarship in Health Care Ethics (3 cr)
- Statistics (3 cr)
  - **Total = 11 credits (+ minor or additional courses as determined with adviser)**

## Year 2

### Fall Semester
- Nurs 8121: Health Behavior and Illness Responses (3 cr)
- Nurs 8173 Principles & Methods of Implementing Research (3 cr)
- Nursing elective, minor or other courses (as advised) (2-3 cr)
  - **Total = 8-9 credits (+ minor or additional courses as determined with adviser)**

### Spring Semester
- Nurs 8134: Nursing Interventions and Outcomes (3 cr)
- Nurs 8177: Advanced Nursing Research Practicum (2 cr) *(if ready, per adviser)*
- Nursing electives (as advised) (2-3 cr)
  - **Total = 7-8 credits (+ minor or additional courses as determined with adviser)**

## Year 3

### Fall Semester
- Dissertation (Nurs 8888; 12 cr)
  - **Total = 12 credits**

### Spring Semester
- Dissertation (Nurs 8888; 12 cr)
  - **Total = 12 credits**

Minimum required School of Nursing credits for the PhD is 32 (nursing theory and methodology cores) + 2 (electives) + 24 (dissertation) = 58 credits for postmasters students. A minimum of 18 additional graduate nursing credits are required for PhD students with baccalaureate degree or master’s degree in field other than nursing; 18 (graduate nursing core) + 32 (nursing theory and methodology cores) + 2 (electives) + 24 (dissertation) = 76 credits. Most students will exceed the minimum.