Graduate School of Nursing

PhD Program—DNP to PhD





The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) is the commonwealth's first and only public academic health sciences center and consists of 3 schools. This association provides for a rich interprofessional environment for learning and practice experiences.

Graduate School of Nursing (GSN)

> Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

School of Medicine

The focus of the UMMS GSN PhD program is on the development and transformation of scholars who will lead the discipline of nursing. Our program is influenced by the cognitive philosophy of Bernard Lonergan. We welcome students to engage in a transformative process of wonder and discovery, self-reflection, critical thinking and genuine dialogue with other students and faculty.

Why consider the UMass Medical School Graduate School of Nursing PhD program?

- **Small student to faculty ratio**
- Classes scheduled on one day/week
- Average time to graduation 4.5 years
- Access to courses and scholars at all UMass campuses
- 90-hour practicum in research, education, or leadership
- Research socialization activities with nationally known visiting scholars
- Cohort model facilitating a cooperative learning process among students

PhD Program Pathways:

- **MS to PHD (57 credits)**
- **DNP to PhD (42 credits)**

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Please refer to the UMSS GSN website for admission requirements: www.umassmed.edu/gsn



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PLAN OF STUDY

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YEAR ONE			
Fall	N800	Health and Philosophy of Nursing Science	3 cr
	N801	Qualitative Research Methods	3 cr
Spring	N802	Quantitative Research Methods in Nursing Research	3 cr
	N803	Theory: Critical Analysis and Application	3 cr
Summer	N804	Survey Methods and Measurement in Health Research	3 cr
	N896	Seminar I: Leadership	1 cr
YEAR TWO			
	N810	PhD Practicum	1 cr
	N813	Research Reviews and Grant Writing	2 cr
	N897	Dissertation Seminar II	1 cr
	N890	Advanced Statistics	3 cr
	XXX	Advanced Methods ELECTIVE	3 cr
	 N888	Comprehensive Exam	N/A
YEAR THREE		DISSERTATION (15 credits required)	
Fall	N898	Dissertation Seminar III (until proposal defended)	1 cr
	N899	DISSERTATION (15 credits required)	15 cr

TOTAL CREDITS: 42 credits

Additional 6 credits of graduation education course work if student participates in the NFLP

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