

PhD in Nursing

TAN CHINGFEN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program is an in-depth education that prepares scholars to steward the discipline of nursing. Our supportive, mentorship-based program engages students in a transformative process of wonder and discovery, self-reflection, critical thinking and genuine dialogue. Students are guided in their quest to generate knowledge important to the discipline of nursing and nursing practice.



Why choose the PhD in nursing?

Graduates of the program become stewards of the discipline with knowledge and skills in theory, policy, problem solving and research. They are prepared with the expertise and skills to develop, conduct and disseminate in-depth research in academia and beyond.



World-class facilities

UMass Chan's three graduate schools share a campus with clinical partner UMass Memorial Health as well as thriving biomedical research enterprise, providing students with a rich hands-on learning environment. The Lamar Soutter Library is a state-of-the-art medical library, full of publications and resources to guide students through their program. The UMass Chan campus is also home to the UMass Center for Clinical and Translation Science, which provides resources, services and funding to the five-campus UMass research community.



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Program options:

Students can choose to enroll in either the BS to PhD, MS to PhD or DNP to PhD option. The program adopts a cohort model that allows students to develop connections with one another that remain through the duration of their studies. Students typically take 6 credits each semester and complete core course work within 2 years. The program requires a dissertation and can be completed within 3 to 4 years depending on type of research conducted. Scholarships are available and a traineeship program for underrepresented applicants is offered.



Upon program completion, graduates are prepared to:

- Design, conduct and disseminate research
- Apply philosophical and theoretical principles to scholarly inquiry
- Critique and synthesize knowledge to advance nursing science and human health
- Assume roles in research, education, policy, administration and/or professional practice

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Regardless of path in which they choose to enroll into, all students are required to have successfully completed a college-level statistics course. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher is strongly preferred. Additional prerequisite requirements are listed below:

For BS, MS to PhD:

- College level statistics course

For DNP to PhD:

- Graduate course in statistics/data analysis
- Graduate course in health policy
- Proficiency with SPSS or other data analysis software

For Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) to PhD:

Successfully completed college level courses in

- Statistics
- Nutrition
- Microbiology with lab
- Anatomy and physiology
- Human growth and development

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