

You are required to take 60 quarter units of formal coursework consisting of:

1. Eight core Nursing Science courses in theory and research methods
2. A two-course statistics sequence
3. Two research methods electives
4. A statistical methods elective
5. Two other supporting courses chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor

The program is full-time. There is no part-time option available.

Because many nurses interested in pursuing the PhD are working professionals, most of the core courses in the PhD program are conducted in hybrid format with both online, synchronous, and in-class learning opportunities.

Early coursework will introduce you to theoretical foundations in the discipline and advanced research methodologies in nursing, health sciences and related fields.

You will take electives and independent studies that contribute to expertise in areas of research leading to your dissertation. You are required to participate in the educational mission of the UCI School of Nursing as teaching assistants for two quarters.

The remainder of the program will be devoted to a dissertation based on original research that contributes to the scholarly and scientific knowledge of the nursing discipline. The dissertation must be successfully defended.

The PhD program also includes individually tailored, independent modes of teaching and learning. These include opportunities for you to participate in research sponsored by faculty, individual guidance related to the your own research and teaching opportunities.

You will have two formal examinations along the process toward writing your thesis:

- First, you will write a comprehensive examination at the end of the second year of study and following completion of required coursework.
- The next benchmark is the qualifying exam. Students advance to PhD candidacy and completion upon successful presentation and submission of an original dissertation research proposal and oral defense of the proposal.

**First year**

Fall	Winter	Spring
Nur Sci 212 Philosophy of Science for Nursing Scholarship (4)	Nur Sci 233 Appraisal & Translation of Evidence for Practice (4)	Nur Sci 220 The Ecology of Healthy Communities (2 units)
Nur Sci 226 Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks (4)	Nur Sci 247 Quantitative Research Designs in Nursing Science (4)	Nur Sci 222A Seminar in Clinical Translational Science (2 units)
Stats 201 or Soc Ecol P264A Statistical/Quantitative Methods (4)	Stats 202 or Soc Ecol P264B Statistical/Quantitative Methods (4)	Nur Sci 246 Qualitative Research Designs in Nursing Science (4)
		Nurs Sci 227A Grant Writing I (4)

Second year

Fall	Winter	Spring
Nur Sci 222B Seminar in Clinical Translational Science (2)	Supporting Coursework (8)	Supporting Coursework (4)
Nur Sci 227B Grant Writing II (2)	Nur Sci 399 University Teaching (4)	Nur Sci 299 Independent Study (4)
Supporting Coursework (4)		Nur Sci 399 University Teaching (4)
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Third year

Fall	Winter	Spring
Supporting Coursework and/or Nur Sci 298, 299 (12)	Supporting Coursework and/or Nur Sci 298, 299 (12)	Supporting Coursework and/or Nur Sci 298, 299 (12)
Dissertation Proposal Defense	Dissertation Proposal Defense	Dissertation Proposal Defense

Fourth and Fifth years

Fall	Winter	Spring
Nur Sci 296 Doctoral Dissertation Reading and Writing (12)	Nur Sci 296 Doctoral Dissertation Reading and Writing (12)	Nur Sci 296 Doctoral Dissertation Reading and Writing (12)