

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> Nursing  <b>College</b> Nursing		
<b>Program Name</b> PhD in Nursing Program	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	<b>Effective Date</b> <small>(TERM &amp; YEAR)</small>  Fall, 2019	
<b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment</b>  <p>The new program requires 60 credits. This would entail eliminating 8 courses (18 credits) and adding 5 courses (15 credits). The PhD program was evaluated in academic year 2016-17 including a thorough internal assessment of the strengths and challenges and a systematic evaluation by outside consultants. Expert recommendations included: promote programs of research that are cutting-edge, congruent with CON research priorities and demonstrate commitment to caring science as central to the development of the discipline. The faculty also reviewed PhD curricula at research-intensive universities across the country to assess current trends. Based on our findings and that of outside experts, the proposed curriculum incorporates additional courses in caring science, current research methods and advanced statistics without increasing the number of credits requires The proposed program requires 60 credits as compared to the current 63 credits. The new curriculum includes a series of three courses in caring science and the CON research focus areas. The research methods courses have been updated to better equip students to use mixed methods and advanced statistics. Course changes and subsequent changes in program requirements in the MSN to PhD program necessitate corresponding changes in the BSN to PhD and DNP to PhD options. Three one-credit seminars were replaced with one 3-credit seminar, which incorporates a research practicum.</p>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b>  Christine Williams cwill154@health.fau.edu 561-297-0095		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b>	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair <u>Christine Williams</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>Sherry Cox</u> College Dean <u>Maxlaene Smith</u> UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____			<b>Date</b> _____ <u>10/29/18</u> _____ _____ _____ _____

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**Degree Requirements**

The faculty in the College may recommend the Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Nursing degree when the student has met the following requirements:

1. The candidate must complete ~~60~~ credits beyond the master's degree, to include at least 45 credits in required and approved coursework and at least 15 credits of dissertation work.
2. The 45 credits of required and approved coursework prior to dissertation include 9 credits of theory core, 15 credits of research core, ~~6~~ credits of advanced statistics beyond the required prerequisite course, 9 credits in the nursing concentration core and doctoral seminar, ~~3~~ credits in cognate courses that complement the student's research focus area, at ~~3~~ credits of doctoral pre-candidacy study.
3. The ~~3~~ credits of cognate coursework must be approved by an advisor. These credits must be taken in another discipline focusing on dissertation-related content.
4. The candidate must successfully complete the qualifying comprehensive examination at the end of all coursework during the doctoral pre-candidacy study course period. This examination will offer the student the opportunity to show synthesis of knowledge and understanding of theory, research and nursing concentration components from coursework.
5. The dissertation committee for each student will oversee the development and completion of the student's dissertation. Upon successful defense and completion of the dissertation, the candidate will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the next graduation ceremony.

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**Program Outcomes**

By the completion of the Ph.D. program, graduates will be able to:

1. Develop self as a researcher with a foundation in caring science.
2. Evaluate theory-guided approaches to synthesize an evidence base that informs the development of caring knowledge and practice.
3. Create research designs that honor the calls in nursing situations and integrate understanding gleaned from complex patterns of knowing.
4. Demonstrate accountability as an ethical nurse researcher.
5. Integrate cultural humility into research methods, including study design, sample selection and data collection plans.
6. Lead systematic inquiry that enhances nursing practice, improves healthcare delivery and contributes to nursing science.
7. Analyze available technology and information systems for use in collaborative research.
8. Construct the foundation for a research program intended to promote well-being for a particular population within the context of lifespan development.
9. Engage with colleagues living values expressive of caring in all endeavors, including ones where communities or research scholars convene.
10. Design research that reflects value for human dignity and understanding of complex local, national and global policies that affect the lives of populations of interest.
11. Establish a foundation for transforming complex healthcare systems through intra- and interdisciplinary research informed by caring science.
12. Become an example of responsible stewardship by advancing the discipline through well-designed research,

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honoring the profession through engagement in meaningful nursing leadership activities, preserving resources and respecting the environment through everyday actions.

Ph.D. Program Curriculum Plan (60 credits) (Changes effective fall 2019.)  
The following courses are required for the Ph.D. program.

Doctoral Core Courses (36 credits)		
Evolution of Nursing as a Discipline and Practice	NGR 7111	3
Philosophies of Science Grounding Nursing	NGR 7115	3
Caring Science I: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	NGR 7116	3
Theory Development and Application in Nursing	NGR 7121	3
Qualitative Research Methods	NGR 7815	3
Essential Statistical Methods for Nursing Science	NGR 7846	3
Advanced Nursing Research: Applied Quantitative Design and Methods	NGR 7818	3
Scholarship Practicum	NGR XXXX	3
Applied Advanced Statistics	NGR XXXX	3
Caring Science II: Developing Phenomena of Interest within Research Focus Areas	NGR XXXX	3
Caring Science III: Innovative Methodologies to Study Caring Science	NGR XXXX	3
Mixed Methods in Practice Based Research	NGR XXXX	3
Innovations in Inquiry	NGR 7853	3
Doctoral Cognate Course (Choose 3 credits with Advisor, see #3 under Degree Requirements)		
Cognate		3
Students may select from the following two nursing electives (as additional credits)		
Perspectives of Aging	NGR 6251	3
Crafting the Life of Scholarship	NGR 7709	3
Doctoral Research Courses (18 credits; students may repeat any of these three courses)		
Doctoral Synthesis (Comps)	NGR 7978	1-3
Advanced Research	NGR 7979*	1-3
Dissertation (two classes over two semesters)	NGR 7980*	1-12
*Note: NGR 7979 and two NGR 7980 credits must total 15.		

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**Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Philosophy**

The B.S.N. to Ph.D. program is an alternative pathway to the Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Nursing available for highly qualified Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduates. The program is streamlined, allowing students to proceed

to doctoral-level courses in theory research and policy without taking the traditional master's-level courses in these areas.

**Admission Requirements**

All Ph.D. program admission requirements outlined previously are necessary with the exception of a master's degree with major in Nursing. A bachelor's degree in Nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is required. Transcripts must be sent to the University's Graduate College as described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.

The following are also required for admission to the B.S.N. to Ph.D. program:

1. GPA of 3.5 for the B.S.N. degree.
2. One reference letter from the baccalaureate program is required in addition to the others described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.
3. Scholarly product from coursework completed at the B.S.N. level.
4. All other Ph.D. admission requirements must be met.

**Degree Requirements (Changes effective fall 2018.)**

The B.S.N. to Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 87 credits following the B.S.N. degree. One plan of study prepares students for an educator role. Other role preparation, such as a holistic focus, is possible but may require additional credits. The Nurse Practitioner concentration is not available to B.S.N. to Ph.D. students. Study plans will be developed with direction from the student's faculty mentor and the Ph.D. coordinator.

<b>Master Core Courses (24 credits)</b>		
Advanced Health Assessment	NGR 6002	2
Advanced Health Assessment Lab	NGR 6002L	1
Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring	NGR 6110	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	NGR 6141	3
Creative Teaching-Learning Methods in Nursing Education	NGR 6711	3
Curriculum Evolution and Models in Nursing Education	NGR 6713	3
Evaluation in Nursing Education	NGR 6718	3
Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics	NGR 6172	3
Quantitative Methods for Advancement of Health Sciences and Nursing Practice	NGR 6814	3
<b>Doctoral Core Courses (36 credits)</b>		
Evolution of Nursing as a Discipline and Practice	NGR 7111	3
Philosophies of Science Grounding Nursing	NGR 7115	3
Caring Science I: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge	NGR 7116	3
Theory Development and Application in Nursing	NGR 7121	3
Scholarship Practicum	NGR XXXX	3
Applied Advanced Statistics	NGR XXXX	3
Caring Science II: Developing Phenomena of Interest within Research Focused Areas	NGR XXXX	3
Caring Science III: Innovative Methodologies to Study Caring Science	NGR XXXX	3
Mixed Methods in Practice-Based Research	NGR XXXX	3

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Qualitative Research Methods	NGR 7815	3
Advanced Nursing Research: Applied Quantitative Design and Methods	NGR 7818	3
Essential Statistical Methods for Nursing Science	NGR 7846	3
Innovations in Inquiry	NGR 7853	3
<b>Doctoral Cognate Courses (Choose 3 credits with Advisor)</b>		
<b>Doctoral Course Elective may be selected but may result in additional credits</b>		
Crafting the Life of Scholarship	NGR 7709	3
<b>Doctoral Research Courses (15 credits)</b>		
Doctoral Synthesis (Comps)	NGR 7978	1-3
Advanced Research	NGR 7979*	1-3
Dissertation	NGR 7980*	1-12
*Note: NGR 7979 and two NGR 7980 credits must total 15.		

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Doctoral Cognate Courses (Choose 9 credits with Advisor; see #3 under Degree Requirements)

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### Doctor of Nursing Practice to Doctor of Philosophy

The D.N.P. to Ph.D. program is an alternative pathway to the Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Nursing available for highly qualified Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates.

#### Admission Requirements

All Ph.D. program admission requirements outlined previously are necessary. Additionally, a Doctor in Nursing Practice degree with a Major in Nursing from a university or college of nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is required. Transcripts must be sent to the University's Graduate College as described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.

The following are also required for admission to the D.N.P. to Ph.D. program:

1. GPA of 3.5 for the D.N.P. degree.
2. One reference letter from the D.N.P. program is required in addition to others described in the Ph.D. program's admission section.
3. Scholarly product from coursework completed at the D.N.P. level.
4. All other Ph.D. admission requirements must be met.

#### Degree Requirements

The D.N.P. to Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 60 credits following the D.N.P. degree. One plan of study prepares students for an educator role. Other role preparation, such as a holistic focus, is possible but may require additional credits. The Nurse Practitioner concentration is not available to D.N.P. to Ph.D. students. Study plans are developed with direction from the student's faculty mentor and the Ph.D. coordinator.

The faculty in the College may recommend the Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Nursing degree when the student has met the following requirements:

1. The candidate must complete 60 credits beyond the Doctor in Nursing Practice, to include at least 45 credits in required and approved coursework and at least 15 credits of dissertation work. Deleted: degree
2. The 45 credits of required and approved coursework prior to dissertation include 9 credits of theory core, 15 credits of research core, 6 credits of advanced statistics beyond the required prerequisite course, 6 credits in the nursing concentration core and doctoral seminars, 3 credits in cognate courses that complement the student's research focus area, at least 90 research practicum hours, and 3 credits of doctoral pre-candidacy study. Deleted: 3  
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3. D.N.P. candidates have the option to transfer in 3 credits of coursework outside the discipline of nursing in substitution for the required cognate course. A course transcript must be submitted to the Ph.D. program department for approval and an official transcript must be submitted to the Graduate College after obtaining departmental approval for the transfer credits. Deleted: of the courses identified in the curriculum plan below  
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4. D.N.P. candidates have the option to challenge 6 credits for the courses identified in the curriculum plan below. D.N.P. candidates will register for the course to be challenged, and they will take an examination or write a paper (the challenge requirements are up to the discretion of the faculty member teaching the course). D.N.P. candidates who receive a "B" or better on the paper or in the examination will successfully complete the course challenge. The grade that candidates receive on the paper or written examination will be the grade they receive in the course. Deleted: In addition to the option to transfer courses,  
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5. The 3 credits of cognate coursework must be approved by an advisor. These credits must be taken in another discipline focusing on dissertation-related content. Deleted: 9
6. The candidate must successfully complete the qualifying comprehensive examination at the end of all coursework during the doctoral pre-candidacy study course period. This examination offers the student the opportunity to show synthesis of knowledge and understanding of theory, research and nursing concentration components from coursework. Deleted: At least 6 of t  
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dissertation. Upon successful defense and completion of the dissertation, the candidate will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the next graduation ceremony.

**D.N.P. to Ph.D. Program Curriculum Plan**  
 The following courses are required for the D.N.P. to Ph.D. program.

Semester 1 - Fall		
Philosophies of Science Grounding Nursing	NGR 7115	3
Caring Science I: An Essential Domain of Nursing Knowledge*	NGR 7116	3
Essential Statistical Methods for Nursing Science**	NGR 7846	3
Semester 2 - Spring		
Philosophies of Science Grounding Nursing	NGR 7115	3
Qualitative Research Methods	NGR 7815	3
Advanced Nursing Research: Applied Quantitative Design and Methods	NGR 7818	3
Semester 3 - Summer		
Scholarship Practicum		3
Advanced Applied Statistics	NGR XXXX	3
Semester 4 - Fall		
Theory Development and Application in Nursing**	NGR 7121	3
Caring Science II: Developing Phenomena of Interest within Research Focus Areas	NGR XXXX	3
Mixed Methods in Practice-Based Research	NGR XXXX	3
Semester 5 - Spring		
Doctoral Cognate*	NGR XXXX	3
Innovations in Inquiry	NGR 7853	3
Caring Science III: Innovative Methodologies to Study Caring Science		
Semester 6 - Summer		
Doctoral Synthesis (Comprehensive Exams)	NGR 7978	3
Semester 7 - Fall		
Advanced Research (Research Proposal Defense)	NGR 7979	3
Semester 8 - Spring		
Dissertation	NGR 7980	6
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**Courses accepted for transfer, if applicable:**  
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NGR 6673, Epidemiology for Advanced Nursing Practice (counted as Cognate)

**Note:** Students pay a fee to challenge select courses by taking an examination or by writing a paper.

**Note:** Transfer students submit a transcript for evaluation and plan of study will be individualized.

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