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PhD in Nursing



Emory's PhD program in Nursing is a fulltime, intense learning experience designed to develop the next generation of nurse scientists who will change the face of health care. Emory prepares doctoral students to meet the challenges of today's fast-paced health care environment by giving students unparalleled opportunities to impact research, teaching, and patient care. Our doctoral program is highly selective and provides enhanced mentorship between faculty and students.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best Nursing Schools

The PhD program at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing has established a reputation as a leading producer of high-achieving nurses. As one of the world's pre-eminent nursing schools, Emory attracts top-tier faculty, students, and postdoctoral fellows. In 2010, Emory's doctoral program was ranked among the nation's best programs by the National Research Corporation. The School of Nursing received top rankings in the areas of student support and outcomes, faculty productivity, and diversity.

World-Class Collaborations

Nestled in the heart of Atlanta, the School of Nursing offers access to one of America's most vibrant health care communities. Our students benefit from our affiliation with prestigious health organizations including:

- EMORY HEALTHCARE is comprised of nine hospitals that focus on teaching, research, health care, and public service. Emory Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive health care system in Georgia and is one of the top health care systems in the United States.

DISCOVER

the unexpected



- **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION.** The CDC is the federal agency that oversees public health in the United States. The CDC creates information and tools to promote health, prevent disease, and prepare the public for new health threats. The School of Nursing regularly collaborates with the CDC on research initiatives.
- **CHILDREN’S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA.** Emory nursing students have the opportunity to work with one of the nation’s leading pediatric hospitals, recognized for its excellence in teaching, research, and patient care.
- **ATLANTA VA MEDICAL CENTER.** The School of Nursing has had a long-standing relationship with the Atlanta VA Medical Center, which focuses on research programs designed to enhance health outcomes for military veterans

Dynamic Doctoral Students

Emory’s Nursing PhD program typically has 15 – 18 doctoral students in residence with three to six qualified applicants admitted each fall. As a result, Emory has small class sizes and low faculty-student ratios, allowing for highly individualized student advising and strong mentoring relationships between faculty and doctoral students.

Applicants must be eligible for RN licensure in Georgia, must have studied undergraduate or graduate level epidemiology within the past five years, must have studied graduate level statistics within the past five years, and must be computer literate.

Our graduates are highly sought-after in the marketplace. Recent graduates have secured positions in academia, government, and health care.

Financial Support

Nursing doctoral students benefit from full-tuition scholarships each semester they are enrolled in the program, which allows students to focus solely on research and teaching. In addition, all nursing doctoral students participate in the Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program (TATTO), offered through the Laney Graduate School. The program includes a series of workshops and courses providing instruction in pedagogy and related issues, as well as a mentored and progressively more independent sequence of teaching opportunities. The teaching experience is tailored to the experiences and goals of the student and aids in strengthening the educator role.

Curriculum

There are two curricula options: BSN-PhD (5 years) or MSN-PhD (4 years). Both options consist of required courses in the sciences, research, and electives designed to give students grounding in their areas of research specialization for a minimum of 74 semester hours in the BSN-PhD track and 50 semester hours in the MSN-PhD track. In addition to research coursework, the program provides mentored research practica during the first three years, prior to preparing for dissertation research. BSN-PhD students engage in a tailored first year program designed to prepare them for the ensuing two years of MSN-PhD coursework that emphasize the development of interdisciplinary research capabilities. The coursework required to take the nurse practitioner and nurse midwifery certification exam can be included in program of study.

The two-year standard MSN-PhD curriculum is described below:

Year 1 Students take a range of courses designed to give them a foundation in research methods and theory. In the summer after the first year, students take a qualifying examination.

During the first two years of the program, all students participate in research residencies as part of the curriculum. During the residencies, students work directly with ongoing faculty research projects as an integral part of the team to accomplish both individual and project-related activities.

Year 2 Students take a mix of required courses and elective courses in their area of interest, and begin work with an advisor to develop a research project that will lead to a dissertation. In the summer after their second year, students take a comprehensive examination to demonstrate that they are ready to pursue research in nursing. They also present their dissertation proposal to the Nursing faculty for approval.

Years 3+ Students conduct research and complete their dissertations.

Faculty

Emory nursing faculty are committed to supporting learning and discovery for doctoral nursing students. The faculty is comprised of renowned scholars with a diverse range of expertise in areas such as:

- Cancer Care
- Sleep Medicine
- Cardiovascular Health
- Maternal and Newborn Health
- Gerontology
- Caregiving
- Pediatric Nursing
- Environmental Health

Emory nursing faculty are known for providing exceptional research support to doctoral candidates. To learn more about our nursing faculty, visit www.nursing.emory.edu.

More Information

To learn more about the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and the PhD program in Nursing, visit www.nursing.emory.edu





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- Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
- Bioethics
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences
 - Biochemistry, Cell and Developmental Biology
 - Cancer Biology
 - Genetics and Molecular Biology
 - Immunology and Molecular Pathogenesis
 - Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
 - Molecular and Systems Pharmacology
 - Neuroscience
 - Nutrition and Health Sciences
 - Population Biology, Ecology, and Evolution
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biostatistics
- Business
- Chemistry
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognition and Development (Psychology)
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Science and Informatics
- Development Practice
- Economics
- Educational Studies
- English
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Film Studies
- French
- History
- Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts
- Health Services Research and Health Policy
- Mathematics
- MD/PhD
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- Neuroscience and Animal Behavior (Psychology)
- Nursing
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- Physics
- Political Science
- Religion
- Sociology
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