

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
MS to PhD Pathway 64 units

Program Guide & Plan of Study



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
College of Nursing

Name:	Date Updated:
Advisor:	

Please fill in the blanks with your current plan of study. Update this form at minimum, prior to Fall semester. **Add approved graduate-level transfer units** in the appropriate section. Upload the updated form to your **PhD portfolio** and use for any advisory meetings.

CORE/REQUIRED COURSES					
Number	Units	Title	Pre-requisites	Term (Year) Offered/ Fill in Year Taken	Grade
NURS 630	3	Statistics for the Health Sciences ¹	None	Fall (Year 1) /	
NURS 631	3	Advanced Statistics for the Health Sciences	NURS 630 or Instructor approval	Spring (Year 1) /	
NURS 695A	1	The Science and Practice of Nursing	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 705	3	Philosophy of Nursing Science and Practice	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 706	3	Theory Development and Evaluation	NURS 705	Spring (Year 1)/	
NURS 707	3	Introduction to Proposal Writing for Research	NURS 730, NURS 731	Fall (Year 2)/	
NURS 730	3	Quantitative Methods in Clinical Nursing Research	NURS 631 (can take concurrently), or instructor approval	Spring (Year 1)/	
NURS 731	3	Qualitative Research for Nursing Science	None	Fall (Year 1)/	
NURS 791A	3	Research Preceptorship (may be split into 2 or 1 units in separate terms)	NURS 730, 731 Advanced Methods (may be taken concurrently)	Spring, Summer, Fall	
Total:	22				

¹ Does not count toward total units

Substantive Courses (12 units required; see list below)					
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade	
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Total:	12				

Minor Area of Interest ² : <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) _____					
Minor Courses (9 units required; see list below)					
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade	
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Total:	9				

²Students may choose to minor in “nursing”, or to choose an outside minor (business, psychology, etc.)

Advanced Methods Courses (3 units required; see list below)				
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade
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Total:	3			

Dissertation (18 units required)				
Number	Units	Title	Term/Fill in Year Taken	Grade
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
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NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
NURS 920		Dissertation	/	
Total:	18			

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION TO GUIDE PLAN OF STUDY

ADVANCED METHODS COURSES					
Number	Units	Title	Prerequisites	Term Offered	Year
NURS 734	3	Advanced Research Methods: Mixed Methods Research for Health Sciences	NURS 631 (or equivalent), 730, 731 or instructor approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 782	3	Creating and Testing Behavioral Interventions	NURS 631 & 730	Spring	Year 2

SUBSTANTIVE AND MINOR COURSE OPTIONS IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING					
Number	Units	Title	Prerequisites	Term Offered	Year
NURS 701	3	Foundations of Scholarly Literature Reviews	None	Spring	Year 2
NURS 721	3	Psychoneuroimmunology Foundations and Clinical Implications	NURS 350, NURS 501 or Instructor Approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 740	3	Theories in Complex Systems Science and Integrative Health	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 744	3	Topics in Integrative Health Research	None	Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 727	3	Theories and Models of Illness Management and Health Promotion	NURS 706 or Instructor Approval	Fall	Year 2
NURS 787	3	Diverse Populations: Theories and Methods for Examining Health Disparities	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 656	3	Nurse Educator Role ³	None	Spring/	Years 1, 2
NURS 694	1-6	Teaching Practicum ³	NURS 656	Spring, Summer, Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 657	3	Outcome-focused Program Design ⁴	None	Fall/	Years 1, 2
NURS 658	3	Evaluation Strategies in Nursing Education ⁴	None	Spring/	Years 1, 2
NURS 642	3	Health Policy and Economics ⁵	None	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 646	3	Healthcare Informatics: Theory and Research ⁵	None	Fall	Years 1, 2
NURS 668	3	Influential Leadership in Health Systems ⁵	Instructor Approval	Summer	Year 2
NURS 736	3	Technology for Expanding Healthcare Capacity ⁶	NURS 705	Spring	Years 1, 2
NURS 753	3	Population Health ⁵	None	Fall	Year 2
NURS 773	3	Rural Health Systems ⁶	None	Summer – odd years only	Years 1, 2
NURS 774	3	Rural Community Health ⁶	None	Summer – even years only	Years 1, 2

³Required for NFLP students: NURS 656 AND NURS 694 (1-6 units, # of units needed is determined by past teaching experience by the NFLP teaching coordinator); ⁴option for NFLP/Nursing Education Minor; ⁵DNP curriculum; ⁶Rural telehealth certificate

See Course Catalog/Graduate Catalog for Graduate Level Minor Options Outside the College of Nursing:

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