

How to Apply

BS-PhD



College of Nursing

Deadlines

February 1 for a Fall start
October 1 for a Spring start

Prerequisites

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing from a professionally accredited program with a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (4.00 scale) to be considered for admission.

Applicants must have completed (within 5 years), or be in the process of completing a graduate level statistics course with a grade of B or better prior to the start of the program or must take a graduate level statistics course their first semester in the PhD program, See listing of approved courses on our website.

Application Process

To be considered for admission, all applicants must apply through the Graduate School's application system: Panthera.

Go to the UWM Graduate School website, and select "Apply", next, select Apply Now, next select College of Nursing, next select Nursing PhD, and next select Nursing BS-PhD.

- Complete online Graduate School Application/Panthera and include the following materials:
- Pay a nonrefundable application fee
- Upload unofficial transcripts from all and any schools attended (regardless of how long ago it may have been). Applicants will be required to submit official transcripts **after** an admission offer is accepted.
- Upload Current Curriculum Vitae
- Submit the names and email addresses from 3 different people who are willing to submit a reference for you that are knowledgeable about your academic experience and potential for graduate study in nursing.
- Upload Personal Statement: 3-4 pages, double spaced, addressing the following 5 components
 - Overview of professional experiences
 - Short and long term professional goals
 - Research interests
 - Motivation for pursuing a doctoral degree
 - Educational objectives you hope to pursue if admitted
- Upload 2 Original Works: Select and submit 2 original works that reflect your scholarship and writing ability. Examples of original works could be: evidence based projects, clinical guidelines, examples of QI/QA projects in which you had a primary role and published articles reflecting aspects of research. If you do not have 2 examples of scholarly work, you may substitute one or two written papers in lieu of one or both original works. The papers must be 5-7 pages in length using APA format. Choose from the following paper topics:
 - Select a current, controversial issue facing health care today and discuss the issue. Provide a description of the issue, the controversy and its impact on health care providers.
 - Funding primary prevention has been cited as a potential cost containment measure towards controlling skyrocketing health care costs. Define primary prevention and provide examples of how this might be true.
 - Advance practice nurses (APNs) fill a unique niche in health care delivery. Discuss the role of APNs and their impact on health care outcomes.
- Upload Nursing RN License: Submit evidence of your current RN license from the United States (must include license number)
- Upload Graduate Record Exam/GRE Results: Current GRE scores are required for applicants with an undergraduate degree below a 3.20 on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the UW-Milwaukee Graduate School. Exceptions will be made for applicants with a Master's Degree in Nursing who obtained a 3.20 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher GPA as calculated by UW-Milwaukee's Graduate School. Visit the GRE website for more information about preparation and registration: www.gre.org
- Upload Evidence of English Proficiency: The language of instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is English. All international applicants must provide scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with some exceptions. Minimum test scores and exceptions are located on the Center for International Education/CIE website. <http://www4.uwm.edu/cie/futurestudents/69/> Email questions to: issu@uwm.edu