

# How to Apply

## PhD

### **Deadlines**

February 1 for a Fall start only

### **Prerequisites**

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's of Science or master's 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. 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, next select Nursing 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](http://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: [iss@uwm.edu](mailto:iss@uwm.edu)