Overview
The College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island offers a Ph.D. program in nursing. Its purpose is to prepare nurse scholars and researchers capable of advancing nursing knowledge through the development and testing of nursing theory and the conduct of research in clinical practice. The program cultivates a sense of inquiry and stimulates collaborative relationships with professional colleagues both in nursing and other disciplines.

Curriculum
The doctoral program consists of 53 credits of course work including: core courses, advanced nursing courses, elective components and 12 credits of dissertation research. The purpose of the core and advanced nursing component is to provide the basic knowledge and skills for generating new knowledge in nursing. It includes 23 credits of course work in nursing science, research methods (qualitative and quantitative), theory development (inductive and deductive approaches), and role development in nursing research. In addition, 3 credits in advanced statistics, 6 credits of methods electives, and 9 free elective/other credits are required. In the nursing domain course (NUR 611), the students map out a program of study in their area of interest. The program culminates with written and oral comprehensive exams and the completion of dissertation research.

Required PhD Core Courses (10 credits)
- NUR 660 - Philosophical & Theoretical Bases of Nursing Science (4 crs)
- NUR 651 - Advanced Methods in Nursing Research I (Qualitative Methods) (3 crs)
- NUR 652 - Advanced Methods in Nursing Research II (Quantitative Methods) (3 crs)

Required PhD Advanced Courses (13 credits)
- NUR 602 - Construction of Nursing Theory I: Inductive Process (4 crs)
- NUR 603 - Construction of Nursing Theory II: Deductive Process (3 crs)
- NUR 671 - Role Development in Nursing Research (3 crs)
- NUR 611 - Theories & Research in the Nursing Domains (3 crs)

Remaining PhD Courses (30 credits)
- Advanced Statistics (3 crs)
- Methods Electives (6 crs)
- Free Electives/Other (3 crs)
- NUR 699 - Dissertation Research (18 crs)

Part Time and Full Time Study
Students take 1 or 2, 3 credit courses per semester for part-time and 3 courses for full-time. Students may choose to move through courses in a two-and-one-half to a five-year time frame.
**Tuition and Fees**
Additional information on tuition and a full breakdown of fees can be located on the Enrollment Services Tuition and Fees webpage.

**Financial Aid**
A variety of traineeships, graduate assistantships, teaching assistantships, fellowships, scholarships, and loans are available to help finance PhD education. More information can be found on the Graduate School Financial Support webpage. If you are interested in requesting an assistantship please email gradnursing@uri.edu after you have submitted your application.

**Admission Requirements**
Admission decisions will be based on a comprehensive review of applicant qualifications presented as a total package. The following criteria will be used as the guidelines for admission decisions:

- Baccalaureate degree from an AACN or NLN-accredited program in nursing or its equivalent. A minimum of 3.0 GPA is desirable.
- Master’s degree in nursing or its equivalent. A minimum of 3.3 GPA is desirable.
- Submission of one scholarly paper (term paper, publication, etc.) is preferred for review by the graduate faculty. A master’s thesis or its equivalent may be submitted in lieu of a scholarly paper for review.
- Three letters of reference attesting to the applicant’s capability for doctoral study, one of which should be by a Ph.D. prepared nurse.
- Completion of an undergraduate course in statistics that includes inferential statistics.
- Congruence of applicant goals with the objectives of the program and the goals of the College and University.
- Eligibility for RI Licensure.
- Curriculum vitae or resume.

The mission of the URI College of Nursing can be found at [www.uri.edu/nursing/about/](http://www.uri.edu/nursing/about/)

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To apply please go to: [https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/admission/](https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/admission/) and click “Apply!”

To view graduate faculty and their research interests go to: [http://web.uri.edu/nursing/research/](http://web.uri.edu/nursing/research/)

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