

Nurse researchers with expertise in studying the clinical problems of urban and underserved populations will be at the forefront of nursing science.

WHY CLINICAL NURSING RESEARCH?

Nursing is a practice discipline. Nurses provide direct care to individuals, families and communities; they foster behaviors and processes that positively influence health. Clinical nursing research advances nursing knowledge and is aimed at improving health care and health outcomes.

WHY URBAN HEALTH? In 2000, 79% of the US population lived in urban settings. By 2030, 87% will live in urban settings. This growth — in both the urban core and through suburban sprawl — carries significant threats to health. As a rapidly developing field of study, urban health brings together scholars from many disciplines to describe population health in cities, investigate how urbanization influences health systems, and intervene to make improvements.

“...nursing research is still a developing discipline; it offers a great deal of opportunity for discovery, innovation, and pioneering work”

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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Program

The Northeastern University PhD in Nursing Program is designed to prepare clinical nurse researchers: scientists, educators, and scholars. The health of urban and underserved populations is the focus of the program.

Upon graduation, you will be able to assume positions in schools of nursing, clinical health agencies, research centers and institutes, public health departments. You will participate in cross-disciplinary research teams that describe, design, and test interventions to improve health care for populations in metropolitan settings. You will educate the next generation of nurses.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will study with nursing faculty whose current topics of research include:

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Child Development
- Childhood Cancer
- Geriatrics
- Health Disparities
- Healthcare Outcomes and Policy, and Workforce Issues
- Mental Health Across Lifespan
- Neonatal Issues
- Parental Stress
- Women's Health.

They have expertise in a variety of research methods, including quantitative and qualitative inquiry, biobehavioral studies, clinical trials, use of existing data sets, and more.

You will have the opportunity to study with faculty from other NU departments, such as,

- Institute on Urban Health Research
- School of Social Science, Urban Affairs, and Public Policy
- Center for Community Health Education, Research and Service.

You will also be able to collaborate with the Boston's nursing community from the world-renowned hospitals whose work addresses clinical problems of urban and underserved populations. Hospitals in our network are:

- Massachusetts General Hospital
- McLean Hospital
- Joslin Diabetes Center
- Institute for Aging Research, Hebrew SeniorLife
- Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Dana Faber Cancer Institute
- Children's Hospital Boston.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- MSN to PhD - 49 Semester Hours (SH)
BSN to PhD - 69 SH
- Full-time and part-time options are available.

PHD COURSES

Research Courses	Semester Hours
The Science of Nursing	3
Design and Methods for Clinical Nursing Research	3
Qualitative Research Methods	3
Quantitative Research Methods	3
Measurement in Clinical Research	3
Dissertation Seminars and Dissertation	18
Urban Health Course	
Health Care of Urban Populations	3
Statistics Courses	
Advanced Statistics	3
Statistics Lab	1
Multiple Regression Analysis in Health Sciences	3
Electives	
Electives	6
Total semester hours	49

ADDITIONAL COURSES FOR POST-BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS

Epidemiology and Population Health	3
Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice	3
Pharmacology	2
Clinical Cognates	9
Elective	3
Total additional semester hours	20

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MSN to PhD

- a minimum graduate GPA of 3.5
- official transcript(s) of ALL college-level study
- a minimum GRE of 1100 for the verbal and quantitative combined, within the last 5 years
- three letters of recommendation that address your potential for developing a research career
- satisfactory completion of a graduate epidemiology course and a basic graduate statistics course
- essay describing your goals and reason for pursuing a PhD in nursing and your research area of interest
- TOEFL scores (for international applicants)

BSN to PhD

- a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25
- official transcript(s) of ALL college-level study
- a minimum GRE of 1100 for the verbal and quantitative combined, within the last 5 years
- three letters of recommendation that address your potential for developing a research career
- satisfactory completion of a basic statistics course
- essay describing your goals and reason for pursuing a PhD in nursing and your research area of interest
- TOEFL scores (for international applicants)

Students are admitted once each year in the fall semester.

The application deadline is March 1.

You can apply on line at

<https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=neu-grad>.

Applicants, who submit the required materials and meet the criteria, will be invited for an interview with two nursing faculty.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A limited number of federal traineeships, loans, and scholarships from the University and other sources are available to qualified students. For information about financial aid contact:

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