

Guidelines for Completion of Planned Program of Study

PhD in Nursing Program – CWRU

An official Planned Program of Study (PPoS) is required for each student enrolled in the PhD in Nursing Program. It should be initiated in the first semester and completed by no later than the completion of 3 courses (9 credits).

Graduate PhD nursing students are encouraged to meet with their advisors during the first semester of residence to discuss all departmental requirements and create a list of proposed coursework, known as the Planned Program of Study (PPoS). The PPoS outlines all courses and other requirements for the PhD in nursing degree.

Once the PPoS is developed by the student and approved by their advisor, it should be submitted on the required form to the PhD office in the School of Nursing. The PPoS should contain the signatures of the student and advisor and the date signed.

If there is a need to modify the PPoS after it is submitted, a revised PPoS should be submitted to the PhD office in the School of Nursing. The PPoS should always be kept up-to-date and should be consistent with the student's transcript in the Student Information System (SIS).

It is recommended that full time students take 9 credits each of the Fall and Spring semester during the first two years in order to complete coursework. Accelerating coursework (e.g., by taking courses during the summer) will have implications for future course planning, including proposal development. It may not be to one's advantage. Part time students should take no fewer than 6 credits each semester.

Important Points:

- 1) Enrollment in NURS 671 (proposal development) requires a clear research statement and identification of and working with one's candidacy committee (i.e., chair/advisor, and two faculty members from the SON, at least one of which must be a nurse. The course culminates with the candidacy examination).
- 2) Enrollment in dissertation credits (NURS 701) requires successful completion of the candidacy examination (form to be filed) or petition for predoctoral standing (form to be filed).

Below is a list of the required courses in the PhD nursing program

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
NURS 504	Nursing Knowledge Development	3
NURS 507 *	Clinical Knowledge	3
NURS 508 *	Context of Care	3
NURS 518	Qualitative Research	3
NURS 524	Molecular Genetics	3
NURS 530	Advanced Research Methods I	3
NURS 531	Advanced Research Methods II	3
NURS 532	Applied Statistics	3
NURS 533	Introduction to Data Science	3
NURS 609	Health Care Policy	3
NURS 615	Topical Seminar	3
NURS 630	Advanced Statistics: Linear Models	3
NURS 631	Advanced Statistics: Multivariate Analysis	3
ELECTIVE	Outside the SON but within CWRU	3
NURS 671	Proposal Development	3
NURS 701	Dissertation	18

*** Required for BSN to PhD students only**

Planned Program of Study for PhD in Nursing Program – Fall Starts

Student Name _____ Date _____

_____ Initial plan _____ Amended plan

Fall (1st year)	Spring (1st year)	Summer (1st year)
Fall (2nd year)	Spring (2nd year)	Summer (2nd year)
Fall (3rd year)	Spring (3rd year)	Summer (3rd year)
Fall (4th year)	Spring (4th year)	Summer (4th year)
Fall (5th year)	Spring (5th year)	Summer (5th year)

Student signature _____ Date _____

Advisor signature _____ Date _____

PhD Program Director signature _____ Date _____

Planned Program of Study for PhD in Nursing Program – Spring Starts

Student Name _____ **Date** _____

 Initial plan Amended plan

Spring (1st year)	Summer (1st year)	Fall (1st year)
Spring (2nd year)	Summer (2nd year)	Fall (2nd year)
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