

NURSING LEADERSHIP (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Doctoral Core Courses		
BMAL 702	Leadership Theory	3
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ^{1,2}	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 835	Theories of Nursing	3
Total Hours		12

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Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Leadership Core Courses		
BMAL 704	Leading Organizational Change	3
BMAL 770	Ethical Leadership	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care	3
NURS 829	Leadership in Healthcare Transformation	3
NURS 830	Public Health Administration and Leadership	3
NURS 831	Policy in Health Care	3
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Research Core Courses		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
NURS 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
NURS 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
NURS 837	Grant Writing and Publication	3
NURS 915	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Nursing Research	3
or NURS 917	Advanced Qualitative Methods of Nursing Research	
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Gate Course		
NURS 979	School of Nursing PhD Gate	0
Total Hours		0

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Core Courses ¹		
NURS 980	Nursing Comprehensive Exam	0
NURS 987	Dissertation Planning ²	5
NURS 988	Dissertation I ³	5
NURS 989	Dissertation II ⁴	5

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		15

¹ Once a student enters into the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

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All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than B- may be applied to the degree
- Liberty University course work that is more than 7 years old may not apply towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit.
- Successful defense of dissertation
- Successful publication of dissertation to the Jerry Falwell Library
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ^{1,2}	3
BMAL 702	Leadership Theory	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
Hours		12

Second Semester		
BMAL 704	Leading Organizational Change	3
NURS 835	Theories of Nursing	3
NURS 718	Informatics, Technology and Trends for Transforming Health Care	3
NURS 831	Policy in Health Care	3
Hours		12

Third Semester		
BMAL 770	Ethical Leadership	3
NURS 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
NURS 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 830	Public Health Administration and Leadership	3
NURS 979	School of Nursing PhD Gate	0
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
NURS 829	Leadership in Healthcare Transformation	3
NURS 837	Grant Writing and Publication	3
NURS 915 or NURS 917	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Nursing Research or Advanced Qualitative Methods of Nursing Research	3
NURS 980	Nursing Comprehensive Exam ^{3,4}	0
Hours		9
Fifth Semester		
NURS 987	Dissertation Planning ⁵	5
Hours		5
Sixth Semester		
NURS 988	Dissertation I ⁶	5
Hours		5
Seventh Semester		
NURS 989	Dissertation II ⁷	5
NURS 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		60

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⁴ All coursework must be completed prior to NURS 980

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