

NURSING (PH.D.) - NURSING EDUCATION

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		
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ^{1,2}	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 722	Nursing Theory Development	3
NURS 835	Theories of Nursing	3
Total Hours		12

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² A graduate level statistics course is required as a prerequisites for NURS 700

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Education Concentration Courses		
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
NURS 764	Learning Theories and Teaching Methods for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 765	Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 766	Advanced Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 784	Assessment and Accreditation for Nursing Programs	3
NURS 833	Higher Educational Leadership	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
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 coursework 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 Year		
First Semester		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
NURS 700	Advanced Nursing Research ^{1,2}	3
NURS 721	Leadership, Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 722	Nursing Theory Development	3
	Hours	12
Second Semester		
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
NURS 835	Theories of Nursing	3

Course	Title	Hours
NURS 764	Learning Theories and Teaching Methods for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 765	Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation for Nurse Educators	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
Third Semester		
NURS 766	Advanced Evaluation Strategies for Nurse Educators	3
NURS 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
NURS 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
NURS 833	Higher Educational Leadership	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
NURS 784	Assessment and Accreditation for Nursing Programs	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
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
NURS 987	Dissertation Planning ⁵	5
Hours		5
Sixth Semester		
NURS 988	Dissertation I ⁶	5
Hours		5
Fourth Year		
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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