DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) IN NURSING
UAB PhD IN NURSING PROGRAM

The PhD in Nursing is a research-focused terminal degree designed to prepare nurse scientists for the roles of researcher, scholar, educator and leader. Graduates of the PhD program are thoroughly prepared to become independently funded investigators whose work will ultimately improve healthcare outcomes.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Both full-time and part-time programs of study are available.

• Coursework is offered via a distance accessible format that combines online technology with on-campus experiences that include a program orientation and an annual weeklong intensive.

• The curriculum includes 74 credits that must be completed within seven years, including 18 dissertation credits. Full-time students typically complete the program in three to four years and part-time students in four to five years.

• Students are mentored by nurse scientists with active programs of research as well as by scientists from other disciplines. Students are matched with faculty based on their research interests. Information about School of Nursing faculty research is available at uab.edu/nursing/home/research

• UAB is the home of more than 20 University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Centers including the Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Center for Healthy Aging, the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science, and the Center for AIDS Research, and 60 other smaller research centers that offer research opportunities for Nursing PhD students.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- A BSN and/or a master’s degree in nursing from an accredited school
- Eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in Alabama
- Potential for success in a research-focused doctoral program based on an overall assessment of:
  - Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
  - GRE scores from within the past five years
  - A sample of written work demonstrating scholarly potential
  - A personal interview, in person or by Skype

International applicants should contact the School of Nursing to learn about additional English proficiency and visa requirements.

FUNDING:

- Funding for PhD students is awarded on a competitive basis and availability varies from year to year. Priority for funding is given to full-time, on-campus students.
- Sources include:
  - Endowed scholarships (Colvin Scholarship, Lowder Scholarship)
  - Robert Wood Johnson Future of Nursing Scholars Program
  - UAB Graduate School Fellowships
  - Nurse Faculty Loan Program
  - Jonas Scholars’ Program
  - Other scholarship opportunities

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your application go to uab.edu/nursing/home/apply-now

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GRADUATES ARE EQUIPPED

PhD in Nursing students have the unique opportunity to work with funded researchers and research teams within and outside the School of Nursing.

PhD Graduates are prepared to serve as the next generation of nurse researchers, nurse scholars and nurse leaders who will guide the future of nursing as it emerges in the new healthcare environment.

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