

# UConn School of Nursing

## Progression from the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing to Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing

The School of Nursing offers entry into the PhD program for students holding a baccalaureate degree in Nursing. This option is intended for nurses who wish to focus their career on research, public policy, administration, history, and/or nursing philosophy and theory.

### Admission Requirements:

- Application to the School of Nursing PhD Program
- Application to the Graduate School of the University, which includes transcripts of all prior academic work.
- Eligibility for licensure as a registered nursing in Connecticut.
- A cumulative undergraduate minimum GPA of 3.25.
- Three reference letters that address the applicant's level of commitment, leadership ability, clinical practice, professional involvement, and scholarly potential.
- A personal statement addressing the candidate's goals, accomplishments, research interests, dissertation topic, commitment, leadership, practice, professional involvement, and timeframe for degree completion.
- Description of career and educational experiences that have formed a focus and expertise in a selected area of nursing, and how the applicant sees this background as a foundation for developing a scholarly pathway. If the applicant's background relative to the projected scholarly pathway is lacking a component that selected master's level clinical courses could fulfill, the applicant may be required to complete selected clinical courses as part of the program of study.
- Submission of any published works or scholarly papers.
- Completion of a nursing of science course (undergraduate or graduate).
- A personal interview.

For further information about the Doctoral program write to:

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