



Online PhD Programs

25+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ONLINE LEARNING

PhD in Nursing

Since 1997, Duquesne University's PhD Program in Nursing has had the unique distinction of being the first completely online PhD nursing program in the country.

The curriculum is research focused and designed to prepare students for a lifetime of intellectual inquiry, creative scholarship and research. The PhD curriculum reflects not only the national trends in nursing research but also the faculty research agenda that includes vulnerable and underserved populations. Students enrolled in GPNG 924 Methods of Scientific Inquiry II take part of the course as a global experience in locations such as Dublin, Ireland. The applied research courses in qualitative, quantitative and mixed methodologies will prepare you to function as an independent researcher upon graduation.

3-year and 4-year Curriculum Options

Students have the option to apply to the program that fits with their goals and lifestyle. The 3 - and 4-year options are identical but differ in intensity and duration. Both programs assist students in identifying, clarifying and articulating their research topic and ideas early in the program.

DNP to PhD

The DNP to PhD program provides an avenue for DNPs to continue their doctoral education. One of the residencies includes a study abroad experience in Ireland at the Duquesne University campus in Dublin. DNP to PhD students complete 38 credits, including 9 dissertation credits, and may earn their PhD in 2.5 years.

PhD in Nursing Ethics

The School of Nursing and the McNulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts Center for Global Health Ethics offer the nation's first interdisciplinary PhD in Nursing Ethics. The program combines doctoral courses in Nursing and Health Care Ethics and provides nurses a better framework and a greater voice when encountering ethical issues in health care.

The program focuses on and combines empirical inquiry, which is the hallmark of a PhD education, and normative inquiry, which asks what ought to be done, what ought to be the case, and what are the ethical and moral dimensions of practice. This online program may be completed in four years with select residency requirements, including a global experience component.



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Online PhD Curriculum

PhD in NURSING | 56 credits (3- or 4-year option)

GPNG 901	State of the Science and Discovery	3 cr.	GPNG 931	Applied Qualitative Practicum	3 cr.
GPNG 921	Foundations of Social and Distributive Justice in Health Policy	3 cr.	GPNG 915	Dissertation Research Seminar	3 cr.
GPNG 927	Structure of Nursing Knowledge	3 cr.	GPNG –	Cognate	3 cr.
GPNG 922	Philosophy of Science and Theory	3 cr.	GPNG 930	Applied Quantitative Practicum	3 cr.
GPNG 923	Methods of Scientific Inquiry I	4 cr.	GPNG 925	Grant Writing	3 cr.
GPNG –	Cognate	3 cr.	GPNG 915	Dissertation	12 cr.
GPNG 940	Statistics II or a Cognate	3 cr.	Residency Requirements:		
GPNG 924	Methods of Scientific Inquiry II**	4 cr.	<i>On-campus Doctoral Week</i>		
GPNG 903	Measurement Issues**	3 cr.	<i>Global Experience (GPNG 903 & 924)**</i>		
			<i>Topic Defense On-campus Seminar</i>		

DNP to PhD | 38 credits

GPNG 940	Statistics II	3 cr.	GPNG 930	Applied Quantitative Practicum	3 cr.
GPNG 901	State of the Science and Discovery	3 cr.	GPNG 931	Applied Qualitative Practicum	3 cr.
GPNG 903	Measurement Issues**	3 cr.	GPNG 915	Dissertation	9 cr.
GPNG 915	Dissertation Research Seminar	3 cr.	Residency Requirements:		
GPNG 922	Philosophy of Science and Theory	3 cr.	<i>On-campus Doctoral Week</i>		
GPNG 923	Methods of Scientific Inquiry I	4 cr.	<i>Global Experience (GPNG 903 & 924)**</i>		
GPNG 924	Methods of Scientific Inquiry II**	4 cr.	<i>Topic Defense On-campus Seminar</i>		

PhD in NURSING ETHICS | 47 credits

GPNG 901	State of Science and Discovery	3 cr.	HCE 642	Multicultural Society	3 cr.
GPNG 927	Structure of Nursing Knowledge	3 cr.	GPNG 921	Foundations of Social and Distributive Justice in Health Policy	3 cr.
HCE 659	Methods in Health Care Ethics	3 cr.		Comprehensive Exams	1 cr.
GPNG 923	Methods of Scientific Inquiry I	4 cr.	GPNG 915	Dissertation	5 cr.
HCE 643	Ethics of Care	3 cr.	Residency Requirements:		
GPNG 924	Methods of Scientific Inquiry II**	4 cr.	<i>On-campus Doctoral Week</i>		
GPNG 903	Measurement Issues	3 cr.	<i>Global Experience (GPNG 924)**</i>		
GPNG 940	Statistics II	3 cr.	<i>Topic Defense On-campus Seminar</i>		
GPNG 931	Applied Qualitative Practicum	3 cr.	<i>Revisions to curricula are ongoing.</i>		
GPNG --	Cognate	3 cr.			
HCE 648	Clinical Ethics	3 cr.			

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