Nursing (Ph.D.)

Conduct original research as a nurse scientist to inform policy and improve the health of rural America.

The development of a scholar requires immersion into research. The Ph.D. in Nursing program at UND will educate you to synthesize in-depth knowledge, translate nursing research to information health care practice and conduct ethical and rigorous research around rural health topics and populations.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Doctoral Degree  
Format: Online  
Est. time to complete: 3 years (part-time), plus dissertation  
Credit hours: 90

Why Study Nursing at UND?

You'll join a highly collaborative environment at the University of North Dakota with unique resources to study rural health in behavioral and environmental contexts. To actualize the focus of rural health research, you will gain skills in:

- Rural health, rural population, and rural programs and policies;
- Conduct original research as a nurse scientist, which includes rural populations;
- Disseminating new knowledge through publications and presentations;
- Obtaining grant funding to support your research.

Before graduation you'll be required to develop and submit a nationally competitive grant to support your doctoral research; submit an article for publication to a refereed journal; and, present dissertation progress or results to a regional or national audience.

Application Deadlines

FALL: APRIL 1

Nursing Ph.D. Overview

- Connect 1-on-1 with doctoral faculty who share your passion for nursing research.
- Engage in on-campus intensive experiences that supplement your online learning and immerse you into a community of scholars.
- Collaborate with the Center for Rural Health, one of only 7 national rural health research centers in the U.S.; the federally funded USDA Human Nutrition Research Center; and, the National Resource Center on Native American Aging, the only information center serving all of the American Indian nations in the U.S.
- Participate in the UND chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honor society.

Nursing Ph.D. Outcomes

$55K  
Average salary for nurse researchers*

19%  
Growth rate for nurse researchers through 2023*
Most Ph.D. in Nursing students go on to teach in academic or clinical settings or conduct research on topics designed to improve patient health, health care services and health care outcomes. UND alumni of the doctoral program have gone on to hold the following positions, among others:

- Assistant professor of nursing at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn.
- Assistant professor of nursing at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio
- Associate professor of nursing at Bethel University in St Paul, Minn.
- Associate professor at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn.
- Chair/director of nursing at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn.
- Dean of Health Sciences at Rappahannock Community College in Glenns, Va.