

PhD DEGREE IN NURSING

Loyola's PhD in Nursing program prepares nurse scholars to improve human health through the development and expansion of knowledge.

As a graduate of the program, you will be prepared to initiate a beginning program of research, incorporate social, cultural, political, economic, and ethical considerations into nursing scholarship and practice, and assume leadership roles in nursing research, education, practice and/or administration in order to improve the health of society. As a member of the international community of scholars, you will also be part of furthering the Jesuit mission through the generation and dissemination of knowledge in the service of humanity.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers full- and part-time enrollment
- If a student enters the program with a BSN, allotted time to degree is 8 years
- If a student enters the program with an MS/MSN, allotted time to degree is 6 years

The PhD in Nursing program is offered in a weekend format, with classes meeting on campus one weekend (Saturday–Sunday) each month during the course of the semester. Between each two weekend class meetings an online, synchronous class meeting is held.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Areas of study in the PhD in Nursing program include nursing science, preparation for the research role, philosophical and ethical foundations, and academic leadership role preparation. Coursework in elective and cognate areas focuses on developing depth and breadth of knowledge in a substantive area.

As part of your studies, you will also conduct research on a topic of your choice and complete a scholarly dissertation.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Upon graduation, you will be ready to assume leadership roles in research, education, clinical practice, and healthcare administration. Our PhD students have been successful in obtaining pre-doctoral fellowships and have distinguished themselves through postdoctoral fellowships and research supported by National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing has been successfully educating graduate nurses for more than 50 years. The school is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

STUDENT LIFE

- **STUDY ABROAD:** We encourage you to hone skills and build your network through intensive courses around the world. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. The School of Nursing offers annual study abroad trips to Belize.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** Graduate Student Nursing Association (GSNA), Student Committee on InterProfessional Education (SCIPEC)
- **SERVICE LEARNING:** You will have an opportunity to participate in an International Service Immersion as part of a collaboration between Campus Ministry and the School of Nursing.

FACULTY

Our graduate faculty members are recognized nationally and internationally through publications, presentations, research, and leadership in professional organizations. Niehoff School of Nursing faculty members have active programs of research in a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary concentrations.

PREREQUISITES

You must be a Registered Professional Nurse.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.
Learn more about financial aid opportunities at LUC.edu/nursing/admission/tuition-finaid.

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

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