

PhD in Nursing Education (DNP to PhD) at William Carey



The Program

The Doctor of Philosophy program is a terminal degree designed to:

- Prepare DNP graduates to serve as nurse scholars and nurse educators.
- Prepare graduates for the educator role including the ability to use sound educational concepts, principles, and knowledge in order to develop undergraduate and graduate nursing students who will be able to contribute to the health and well-being of diverse populations across the lifespan.
- Prepare graduates to assume leadership and upper-level administrative roles in nursing education to assure accountable clinical nursing practice.

Flexible and Convenient

- Annual Fall admission
- The program can be taken in a two-year part-time option.
- **HYBRID FORMAT:** Most coursework is online, and there are two synchronous online weekend meetings and two in-person weekend meetings per year at the Hattiesburg, Mississippi campus.
- WCU operates on a trimester system consisting of three trimesters and a summer term each year.

Curriculum:

- 21 credit hours awarded for DNP degree
- 40 hours of coursework
- Written comprehensive examination during the second year to determine mastery of the PhD content
- Each student must complete a dissertation.
 - Research courses are developed to help the students through the dissertation process.
 - Dissertation committee will be provided

Courses include the following:

NUR 664 - Role Development for the Nurse Educator
NUR 665 - Curriculum Development and Program Planning
NUR 666 - Instructional Strategies and Evaluation of Student Learning
NUR 721 - Creating an Online Educational Environment
NUR 725 - Advanced Curriculum Assessment and Evaluation
NUR 726 - Role Perspectives and Practicum
NUR 734 - Program Evaluation

NUR 752 - Advanced Research Methodology
NUR 753 - Research Development
NUR 800 - Statistics
NUR 801 - Research Process I
NUR 802 - Research Process II
NUR 803 - Research Process III
NUR 804 - Research Process IV

Admission Requirements:

To be admitted as a regular student, the applicant will:

- Submit a completed application to William Carey University and the graduate school
- Pay the application fee
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Submit a scholarly narrative of 1-2 pages of personal philosophy of nursing education and goals
- Submit current curriculum vita
- Submit three letters of reference: two from individuals who can attest to research and scholarship and one personal reference (*The reference form will be emailed to the references entered in the online application.*)
- Submit a completed and notarized criminal background check affidavit
- Have earned a DNP from an accredited school of nursing
- Have earned a GPA of > 3.0 on DNP courses
- Have an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse license with no pending legal or state board action (*Unencumbered licensure must be maintained throughout enrollment in the program.*)
- Be eligible to re-enter any previously attended college or university in good standing. If previously enrolled in a PhD program, the applicant must provide a letter of good standing from that program.
- Demonstrate computer literacy involving proficiency in word processing, email correspondence, and the internet

Pre-Program Requirements:

Successful progression through the program requires the following:

- Demonstrate competency in scholarly writing prior to taking courses within the program through one of the following options:
 1. Submission of a GRE Analytical Writing Score of ≥ 4.0 within the last five years;
 2. Passing NUR 799 - Academic Writing for Doctoral Students with a grade of B or better; or
 3. Successful review of a writing submission.
**Email jbarton@wmcarey.edu for the guidelines for using a writing submission.*
- Demonstrate basic competence in statistics as evidenced by successful completion, with a grade of B or better, of an undergraduate or graduate level statistics course within the past 10 years or substantial experience in nursing research projects prior to taking NUR 752 - Advanced Research Methodology and NUR 800 – Statistics.

Please visit our website for more details:
wmcarey.edu/program/doctoral-nursing-education



We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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