



The University of Delaware (UD) Ph.D. program in Nursing Science prepares nurses to be scientific researchers and academic faculty for positions in college, university and clinical settings. Graduates are prepared to advance the art and science of nursing and assume leadership positions in the profession. Through the integration of theory, research, and evidence-based practice, nurse scientists are positioned to shape and improve healthcare for individuals, families, and populations.

UD offers the only PhD in Nursing Science program in the State of Delaware. Our students receive individualized mentoring and immersion in the research process.

We welcome applicants with BSN or master's preparation and accommodate full-time or part-time study.

International students who are licensed as a registered nurse or their country's equivalent are invited to apply.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Faculty in the UD School of Nursing are recognized experts in their areas of interdisciplinary research. Faculty have external funding from several sources, including the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and various foundations. The focus of research in the School of Nursing includes: aging, symptom science, and data science and policy.
- UD is a Land Grant, Sea Grant and Space Grant Institution. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifies UD as a research university with very high research activity - a designation accorded to fewer than 3 percent of U.S. colleges and universities. The UD Graduate College and the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning offer educational opportunities to enhance graduate students' professional portfolios and academic career preparation.
- UD is centrally located along the nation's northeast corridor between New York and Washington, D.C., with the major cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore nearby.

CORE RESEARCH AREAS

AGING

Our experts in aging focus on physical function and mobility, cognitive function, cardiovascular health and chronic disease management. They use innovative methods in tracking technology to measure mobility and function and predict falls and adverse events across health care settings. Our laboratory spaces include the Aging and Symptom Translational Research Lab and Adaptive Living Apartment, which focus on preventing poor outcomes and managing chronic conditions.

SYMPTOM SCIENCE

Research programs in Symptom Science focus on pain, sleep, mental health, disease self-management, and medication adherence. Experts focus on innovative methods, biomarker discovery, and measures of pain, sleep quantity and quality across patient populations, and diabetes self-management and life course transitions.

DATA SCIENCE AND POLICY

Nurse scientists in this area aim to understand nursing staff needs and other health care trends across patient populations, using big data at the state, regional and national levels.

TO APPLY

For more information about graduate admission and to apply online, visit the Graduate College at www.udel.edu/gradoffice. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree.



FUNDING

Awards of financial assistance (fellowships and assistantships) - which include graduate tuition and a competitive stipend - are made on the basis of merit. Students who complete applications by January 15 are given preference.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

March 1st: Priority consideration for admission and to be considered for departmental funding.

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