

# PhD in Nursing Education (DNP to PhD)

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## William Carey University

### Program

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing Education program is a terminal degree designed to prepare nurse scholars as researchers and educators. Graduates are prepared to conduct research, steward the profession of nursing, and assume leadership roles in institutions of higher learning and healthcare systems.

### Flexible and Convenient

- Annual Fall admission
- The program can be taken in a two-year part-time option.
- **HYBRID FORMAT:** Most coursework is online, with only two in-person visits per year at the Hattiesburg, Mississippi campus.

### Curriculum

- 17 credit hours awarded for the DNP degree
- 43 credit hours of coursework
- Written comprehensive examination to determine mastery of the PhD content
- Guided Dissertation
  - Research and dissertation courses are designed to guide students through the dissertation process.
  - A dissertation committee will be provided.

### Courses include the following:

NUR 7040 - Introduction to Nursing Program and Curriculum Development

NUR 7250 - Advanced Curriculum Assessment and Evaluation

NUR 7050 - Role Development for the Academic Nurse Educator

NUR 7260 - Role Perspectives and Practicum

NUR 7060 - Teaching Strategies and Evaluation of Student Learning

NUR 7340 - Program Evaluation

NUR 8000 - Statistics

NUR 7070 - Advanced Research

NUR 8060 - Dissertation Process I

NUR 7200 - Human Resources in Healthcare Administration and Education

NUR 8070 - Dissertation Process II

NUR 8080 - Dissertation Process III

NUR 7210 - Creating an Online Educational Environment

NUR 8090 - Dissertation Process IV

## Admission Requirements:

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

- Submit a completed application to the William Carey University graduate school
- 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 recommendations: two from individuals who can attest to research and scholarship ability 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  $\geq 3.0$  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:
  - Submission of a GRE Analytical Writing Score of  $\geq 4.0$  within the last five years;
  - Passing NUR 799 - Academic Writing for Doctoral Students with a grade of B or better; or
  - Successful review of a writing submission.
    - \*Email [jbarton@wmcarey.edu](mailto: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 7070-Advanced Research and NUR 8000-Statistics.

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**We look forward to hearing from you soon!**

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