

# PhD in Nursing Education & Administration

## William Carey University



### Program

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing Education and Administration program is a terminal degree designed to prepare nurse scholars as researchers, educators, and administrators. 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 two-year or three-year options. For the student who wishes to take a longer time period, the program of study can be tailored to the individual's needs but must be completed within six years.
- **HYBRID FORMAT:** Most coursework is online, with only two in-person visits per year at the Hattiesburg, Mississippi campus.

### Curriculum

- 60 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 7010 - Global Health in Nursing Leadership

NUR 7020 - Quality and Safety in Healthcare

NUR 7030 - Advanced Health Policy

NUR 7040 - Introduction to Nursing Program  
and Curriculum Development

NUR 7070 - Advanced Research

NUR 7130 - Organization and Administrative Theory

NUR 7150 - Information Systems and Technology

NUR 7200 - Human Resources in Healthcare  
Administration and Education

NUR 7210 - Creating an Online Educational  
Environment

NUR 7230 - Healthcare Economics and Finance

NUR 7240 - Healthcare Systems, Insurance,  
and Managed Care

NUR 7250 - Advanced Curriculum Assessment  
and Evaluation

NUR 7260 - Role Perspectives and Practicum

NUR 7340 - Program Evaluation

NUR 7350 - Strategic Management and Planning

NUR 8000 - Statistics

NUR 8060 - Dissertation Process I

NUR 8070 - Dissertation Process II

NUR 8080 - Dissertation Process III

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 program
- 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 an MSN from an accredited school of nursing
- Have earned a GPA of  $\geq 3.0$  on MSN 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 teaching, learning, and student evaluation based on meeting one of the criteria prior to taking courses within the program: (1) MSN in nursing education (2) experience in nursing education (3) teaching/learning/evaluation nursing education graduate-level courses or (4) NUR 7060-Teaching Strategies and Evaluation of Student Learning.
- 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
- 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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