

NURSING, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website. Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

- English is the exclusive language of instruction at the undergraduate institution attended
- Applicant earned a degree from a regionally-accredited U.S. college or university not more than five years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment
- Applicant completed at least two full-time semesters of graded course work, exclusive of ESL courses, in a U.S. college or university, or at an institution outside the U.S. where English is the exclusive language of instruction, not more than five years prior to the anticipated semester of enrollment

Applications should be submitted for priority consideration by December 1 for admission in the fall semester. If applying for spring admission, see website (<https://nursing.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/phd/#to-apply>) for deadline.

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	October 1
Summer Deadline	February 1
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	May be required in certain cases; consult program.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

Admission requirements for the Ph.D. program are:

- Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate program in nursing
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on the last 60 credits of the most recent baccalaureate degree
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) completed within the last 5 years may be required, consult program.
- Three to four academic references from individuals who can speak to your scholarly activities, research capabilities and potential for success in the doctoral program
- Two examples of scholarly work related to nursing or health (see School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/phd/#to-apply>) for examples)
- Essay (see School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/phd/#to-apply>) for specific criteria)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- English proficiency scores: Applicants whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score. Minimum English proficiency test score: TOEFL = 580 (paper)/92 (internet-based), MELAB = 82 or IELTS = 7. Please refer to the Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>) for more information. Applicants are exempt if any of the following applies to their situation: