

## VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM

### Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

The Villanova University Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program prepares teacher-scholars to change the face of nursing. Explore this creative program that allows you to:

- transform your career
- continue working while learning
- collaborate with experts
- connect with convenience through distance learning
- pursue professional opportunities
- research ideas that redefine nursing education.

#### **DISTINGUISH YOURSELF WITH A VILLANOVA PhD— THE GATEWAY TO YOUR FUTURE**

At Villanova, you will have access to a scholarly faculty and the resources of one of the finest universities in the country, plus an education based in a state-of-the-art facility, providing you with the foundation to advance the nursing field. The College of Nursing enjoys a reputation as a center for excellence because of the quality of its faculty and students, its commitment to its institutional mission and the performance of its alumni for over fifty years.

#### **LEARN FROM FACULTY LEADERS**

The faculty in the College of Nursing have distinguished careers, embracing professional leadership positions and providing consultation at the national and international levels. They are seasoned faculty who have engaged in research and scholarly activities. Research expertise includes correlational and multifactorial designs, survey research, focus group studies, historical research, phenomenological research, and naturalistic inquiry.

The doctoral program is planned so that classes remain small to facilitate student-professor interaction. Students work closely with their primary sponsor throughout completion of the program.

#### **DISCOVER A UNIQUE DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

The program is animated by Augustinian Catholic values that characterize the mission of the University: the unity of knowledge, the holistic nature of human beings, the importance of community, the discovery of truth and a commitment to addressing the needs of disadvantaged and marginalized populations.

The College of Nursing, established in 1953, has a reputation of excellence and is highly respected for its contribution to graduate education of nursing faculty, which commenced in 1980.

Designed as a 51-credit program, the length of the program will vary depending on previous education, currency of graduate education and individual needs. The program combines distance education with three onsite intensive summer sessions (in-residence program option available). Students take 18 credits aimed at preparation for the faculty role, 24 credits in preparation to conduct research and nine credits of general education.



## ENVISION YOUR ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF NURSING AND HEALTH CARE

As a graduate of the doctoral program, you will be able to:

- Conduct research that generates, tests, refines or extends theory and knowledge relevant to culturally competent nursing and nursing education.
- Evaluate critically and synthesize research findings for building knowledge that advances culturally competent nursing and nursing education, and use that knowledge in education, research, advocacy, policy development and leadership.
- Assume the role of academic nurse educator with the ability to design varied learning opportunities in clinical and didactic settings using a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of diverse populations.
- Collaborate with other disciplines in research and preparation of culturally competent health care providers responsive to the needs and concerns of society.
- Partner with others to improve health care for underserved and minority populations at risk for health disparities.



*The program has allowed people from different specialties to come together and learn how to be nurse educators... We have a great cohort from all over the country and the Middle East. We are very supportive of each other.*

PENNIE SESSLER BRANDEN, MSN, RN, CNM  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING, CONNECTICUT

## PREREQUISITES

- Master's degree in nursing, or its equivalent, from an accredited school of nursing.
- Highly qualified students with a baccalaureate degree in nursing may be admitted directly into the doctoral program with the expectation that they will complete MSN requirements while progressing toward the doctorate.
- Applicants should hold licensure in nursing in a jurisdiction of the United States or its equivalent.
- International applicants will be evaluated in relation to the educational system in their countries. Licensure in the United States is not required.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students begin the program as part of a class that begins in Summer Session I (late May/early June). Complete applications for admission must be received by December 1st prior to the summer for which admission is sought. Applicants are notified of acceptance early in the spring semester before they attend the on-campus orientation and summer session.

## LEARN MORE

For a complete description of the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program, including complete application instructions, forms and relevant deadlines, visit [www.nursing.villanova.edu/PhD](http://www.nursing.villanova.edu/PhD).

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