If you're a scholar wanting a career in health policy, education and research, this program can help you achieve that goal.

**Program Description**

**Degree Awarded:** PHD Nursing and Healthcare Innovation

The PhD program in nursing and health care innovation helps address a national need for faculty and researchers, positions which are increasingly in short supply.

The program is offered in a traditional on-site delivery format and innovative, synchronous online delivery and is designed to maintain a commitment to a highly mentored, interactive learning experience. Several different modalities are used to enhance the student's learning, including multimedia presentations, asynchronous discussion boards and live chats.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

**Concurrent Program Options**

This degree is also offered as concurrent degree program with:

- Advanced Nursing Practice (Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner), DNP [Compare Programs](#)

**Degree Requirements**

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation
Required Core (30 credit hours)
NUR 601 Scientific Role Development I: Engaging and Committing (1)
NUR 602 State of the Science in Nursing and Healthcare Innovation (3)
NUR 603 Social and Contextual Issues in Nursing and Healthcare (3)
NUR 604 Philosophy of Science Perspectives in Nursing and Healthcare Innovation (3)
NUR 605 Theory Analysis (3)
NUR 606 Scientific Role Development II: Validating and Demonstrating (1)
NUR 607 Scientific Role Development III: Bridging (1)
NUR 608 Qualitative Research Design and Methods (3)
NUR 609 Quantitative Research Design and Methods (3)
NUR 617 Foundational Concepts in Science and Statistics (3)
NUR 618 Advancing Research-Based Health Policy Through Leadership and Innovation Science (3)
NUR 671 Teaching in Academic and Practice Settings (3)

Electives or Research (9 credit hours)

Other Requirements (3 credit hours)
NUR 680 Research Practicum in Nursing and Health Innovation (3)

Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)
NUR 799 Dissertation (12)

Additional Curriculum Information
When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, this program allows 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree to be used for this degree. If students do not have a previously awarded master's degree, the 30 hours of coursework will be made up of electives and research. From those elective and research hours, 12 credit hours are required in a substantive area of specialization and may be taken in any semester, based on availability and student interest. Twenty-four credit hours of coursework with a research focus are required, including 12 hours of dissertation credit.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of nine credit hours per semester for years one and two of their plan of study. The plan of study can be as broad or as narrow as the student and the supervisory program committee deem necessary for the student's career goals. Students may choose from the following five substantive areas of study: aging, education, health care innovation leadership, healthy families or world health.

The program may incorporate courses from other disciplines to further refine substantive areas of study.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.50 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. current resume
4. goal statement essay
5. writing sample
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants must show completion of a current inferential statistics prerequisite course.

GRE scores are recommended, but not required

Students are admitted once a year, to start in the fall semester.

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