



University of Windsor

Faculty of Nursing

Application Instructions for Nursing PhD Program

Applicants to the Faculty of Nursing PhD program are not required to identify a supervisor before beginning the program. Students admitted to the program are assigned a faculty advisor in the first semester of study. Faculty advisors may transition to the role of supervisor. If not, faculty advisors will assist with selection of a supervisor.

The following are the required application materials that must be submitted as part of your online application for the Nursing PhD program.

Note: All documents including references must be submitted by **January 15th**. Please complete the application **by beginning of December** to ensure all documents are received by the deadline.

1. **One completed on-line** application. Details can be found at www.uwindsor.ca/graduate.
2. **Three confidential reports** to be completed by academic/professional referees, with at least one from an academic who has taught the applicant and one from a recent employment supervisor. **Important:** Apply a **minimum** of three weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure your referees complete the form by the application deadline.
3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
4. **A statement of research interest and a career plan**

Explain your academic skills, motivation, and potential for success in the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) Program at the University of Windsor. In five pages or less (with double-spaced 12-point font), please comment on:

1. Your reasons for pursuing a PhD in Nursing at the University of Windsor.
2. Your professional qualifications, clinical nursing and leadership experiences, how they have influenced your desire to seek a PhD in Nursing, and how you will apply them to enhance your learning and that of your colleagues.
3. Your short and long-term career plan (academic and/or professional goals) and how the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing degree will contribute to your plan.
4. Your research experience to date (publications, grants, unpublished studies, presentations, other forms of scholarship)
5. Your research interests (paradigm, nursing science issue/focus, population, methods of inquiry).
6. Personal attributes (e.g. communication skills, creativity, organization) that you possess and how will they contribute to your success in a PhD program.

5. **Two examples of independent scholarly work (e.g., publications, research reports, course assignments)**
6. **Nurse Registration.** Applicants must have current registration in a Canadian jurisdiction with no practice restrictions. Must be registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario prior to registration for thesis credits.
7. **Official transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate work from all colleges or universities attended.
Current or past University of Windsor students can print their transcripts through their UWinsite student account (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/registrar/uwinsite-student>). Official transcripts are not required for University of Windsor graduates.
8. **Certification of English Proficiency** for international students. Successful completion of an English Language Proficiency exam may be required. IELTS—minimum score: 7.0 or Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN): Minimum scores: Writing - 7; Speaking - 8; Listening - 10; Reading – 8.

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