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convenient access to computer and Internet resources.

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Doctoral students may be required to either purchase or have access to specialized software, such as SPSS for research methods classes and Endnote for compiling annotative bibliographies.

Financial support

Mennonite College of Nursing doctoral students may receive financial assistance in the form of grants, fellowships, scholarships, tuition waivers, and graduate assistantships.

Graduate student life

Graduate students have the opportunity to participate in many university and college student organizations, including:

- Graduate Student Association (GSA), composed of all graduate students from Illinois State University;
- Mennonite Graduate Student Organization (MGSO), composed of degree-seeking and certificate-seeking students of Mennonite College of Nursing; and Sigma Theta Tau International, Xi Pi Chapter

About the College of Nursing

Mennonite College of Nursing became Illinois State University's sixth academic college on July 1, 1999. The rich heritage of Mennonite College of Nursing began in 1919. For more than 85 years, the primary mission has been to prepare professional nurses by providing a quality education. This mission continues at Illinois State. Mennonite College of Nursing is located in Edwards Hall.

Accreditation

Mennonite College of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW

Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 887-6791. The program is also approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation. Memberships include the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The Ph.D. program is based on national expectations and competencies for graduates of research-focused doctoral programs in nursing as stated by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. There are currently no accrediting bodies for research doctorates.

Contact information

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Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D. in Nursing)

(66 semester hours)

Mennonite College of Nursing is proud to be a part of Illinois State University, a Carnegie doctoral/research university institution. The Ph.D. in nursing is congruent with the University mission to provide doctoral education in an area of programmatic strength and to meet the compelling need for doctoral-prepared nurses in and out of the academic setting.

The Ph.D. program is designed to prepare nurses with a high level of expertise to:

- Conduct research in care and care outcomes for vulnerable populations with a beginning focal area in aging;
- Teach in baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs;
- Demonstrate leadership in health policy development; and
- Develop and evaluate models of care for vulnerable populations

Mennonite College of Nursing will offer students the opportunity to become expert researchers in a focal area defined by faculty expertise. The Ph.D. program has a general emphasis on vulnerable populations. Within this context more specific foci will be available in the future. Initially, the program will focus on aging populations.

Plan of study

- A 66 semester hour program beyond the master's degree, distributed among core, focus, statistics and elective courses.
- Designed so that a student with a master of science in nursing degree will be able to complete the Ph.D. in three to five years of full-time study.
- A B.S.N. to Ph.D. plan of study is anticipated in the future.

Required focal area courses (4 courses, 12 credit hours)

Course #	Sem. hours	Course title
NUR 520	3	Biopsychological research with aging individuals
NUR 522	3	Sociocultural research with aging persons in families and communities
NUR 524	3	Research in aging with vulnerable populations
NUR 526	3	Residency in research with aging adults

Required core courses (7 courses, 21 credit hours)

Course #	Sem. hours	Course title
NUR 501	3	Philosophy of science
NUR 503	3	Theoretical basis of nursing research
NUR 505	3	Quantitative research design
NUR 507	3	Qualitative research design
NUR 509	3	Introduction to nursing informatics
NUR 511	3	Health policy
NUR 513	3	Ethical, legal and professional issues in research

Research methods/statistics sequence (3 courses, 9 hours)

Elective courses (number of course varies, 9 credit hours)

Dissertation hours (15 credit hours)

In addition, students must attend Research Colloquia

Admission information

General admissions requirements:

- A master of science in nursing from a CCNE or NLN accredited program
- A minimum grade-point average of 3.0 for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate course work or 30 hours of graduate course work
- Official scores from the Graduate Record Examinations General Test. The GRE is waived for students with a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 30 hours of graduate course work.

Application process

Step 1: Apply to Illinois State University Graduate School online at www.admissions.ilstu.edu/graduate. To apply in person, visit 201 Hovey Hall or call (800) 366-2478 to have an application mailed to you. Refer to the Web site for specific admission deadlines.

Documents submitted to Illinois State University Graduate School:

- Illinois State University Graduate Application for Admission
- One official transcript from each college or university attended at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Official scores from the Graduate Record Examinations General Test (GRE), if needed

Step 2: Submit supplemental materials for review by Mennonite College of Nursing. To request an application with forms call (309) 438-2463 or visit IllinoisState.edu/nursing.

Documents submitted directly to Mennonite College of Nursing:

- Supplemental Information for Admission Form
- Reference Form: Three letters of reference from persons qualified to assess your potential to succeed in the doctoral program. One reference MUST be from a doctoral prepared nurse.
- Curriculum Vitae Form

In addition, the following documents must also be submitted to MCN:

- Essay outlining your research interests and career goals
- Evidence of licensure as a registered nurse in Illinois (not required until after student has been accepted)

Additional requirements for international students

Documents submitted to Illinois State University Graduate School:

- Official documentation of a minimum TOEFL score: 79 – internet-based testing, 213 – computer-based testing, 550 – paper-based testing
- Official academic records (one in English and one in the native language), verified with fresh seals and signatures, sent directly from each college or university attended
- Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores submitted directly from ETS.
- Financial documentation for students seeking F-1 (student) status, the declaration of finances enclosed with the application must show assured support for the first year and projected support for the remaining years. See Illinois State University graduate handbook for additional information.
- A copy of the student's passport, if available, is requested to ensure that the spelling of all names is consistent, as required by federal regulation.

Application deadline is February 1 prior to the fall term in which the student is planning to enroll. Materials received after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

Computer and software requirements

To successfully complete the doctoral program in the College of Nursing, students are expected to have frequent and

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