PhD in Nursing

Emory’s PhD Program in Nursing is committed to preparing nurse scientists and scholars to revolutionize health care through the discovery of new knowledge and its translation into clinical practice.

Emory’s Ph.D. program in Nursing is a fulltime, intense learning experience designed to develop the next generation of nurse researchers who will change the face of health care. Emory prepares doctoral students to meet the challenges of today’s fast-paced health care environment by giving students unparalleled opportunities to impact research, teaching, and patient care. Our doctoral program is highly selective and provides enhanced mentorship between faculty and students.

Ranked Among the Nation’s Best Nursing Schools
The Ph.D. program at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing has established a reputation as a leading producer of high-achieving nurses. As one of the world’s preeminent nursing schools, Emory attracts top-tier faculty, students, and postdoctoral fellows. In 2015, the School of Nursing was ranked 10th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools” guide.

Professional Development
Laney offers a range of programs that encourages students to develop their professional skills, engage with broader professional communities, and prepare for their careers. Visit gs.emory.edu to learn more.
World-Class Collaborations
Nestled in the heart of Atlanta, the School of Nursing offers access to one of America’s most vibrant health care communities. Our students benefit from our affiliation with prestigious health organizations including:

- **EMORY HEALTHCARE** is comprised of nine hospitals that focus on teaching, research, health care, and public service. Emory Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive health care system in Georgia and is one of the top health care systems in the United States.

- **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION**. The CDC is the federal agency that oversees public health in the United States. The CDC creates information and tools to promote health, prevent disease, and prepare the public for new health threats. The School of Nursing regularly collaborates with the CDC on research initiatives.

- **CHILDREN’S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA**. Emory nursing students have the opportunity to work with one of the nation’s leading pediatric hospitals, recognized for its excellence in teaching, research, and patient care.

- **ATLANTA VA MEDICAL CENTER**. The School of Nursing has had a long-standing relationship with the Atlanta VA Medical Center, which focuses on research programs designed to enhance health outcomes for military veterans.

Dynamic Doctoral Students
Emory’s Nursing Ph.D. program typically has 20–25 doctoral students in residence with three to six qualified applicants admitted each fall. As a result, Emory has small class sizes and low faculty-student ratios, allowing for highly individualized student advising and strong mentoring relationships between faculty and doctoral students.

Our graduates are highly sought-after in the marketplace. Recent graduates have secured positions in academia, government, and health care.

Financial Support
Nursing doctoral students benefit from full-tuition scholarships each semester they are enrolled in the program, which allows students to focus solely on research and teaching. In addition, all nursing doctoral students participate in the Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program (TATTO), offered through the Laney Graduate School. The program includes a series of workshops and courses providing instruction in pedagogy and related issues, as well as a mentored and progressively more independent sequence of teaching opportunities. The teaching experience is tailored to the experiences and goals of the student and aids in strengthening the educator role.
Curriculum
The Ph.D. program in nursing is a 3–4 years full-time program, and students can be admitted with either a BSN or an MSN. All students work closely with their faculty mentor to develop their own area of expertise. The program emphasizes interdisciplinary research, and allows students who are interested, to take the necessary coursework to be certified as a nurse practitioner or nurse midwife.

A typical plan of study is described below:

Year 1  Students take a range of courses designed to give them a foundation in research methods and theory.

Year 2  Students take a mix of required courses and elective courses in their area of interest, and begin work with an advisor to develop a research project that will lead to a dissertation. In the summer after their second year or at the beginning of their third year students take a comprehensive examination to demonstrate that they are ready to pursue research in nursing. They also present their dissertation proposal to faculty for approval.

Years 3+  Students conduct research and complete their dissertation.

Faculty
Emory nursing faculty are committed to supporting learning and discovery for doctoral nursing students. The faculty is comprised of renowned scholars with a diverse range of expertise in areas such as:

- Cancer Care
- Sleep Medicine
- Cardiovascular Health
- Maternal and Newborn Health
- Gerontology
- Caregiving
- Pediatric Nursing
- Environmental Health

Emory nursing faculty are known for providing exceptional research support to doctoral candidates. To learn more about our nursing faculty, visit www.nursing.emory.edu.

More Information
To learn more about the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and the Ph.D. program in Nursing, visit www.nursing.emory.edu.
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