

Master's to PhD Program, Full-time
SAMPLE Plan of Study (POS)

Course #	Course Title	Semester Hours	Total Hours
Year 1 Fall			
NURS:7000	Philosophy and Sociology of Nursing Science	3	9
NURS:7801	Seminar: Research Scholarship Role Development	3	
BIOS:4120	Introduction to Biostatistics (highly recommended)* <i>and/or</i> Other coursework**	3	
	CITI Training	0	
Year 1 Spring			
NURS:6811	Social Determinants of Health and Health System Inequities	3	9
NURS:7006	Theory and Model Development	3	
BIOS:5120	Regression & ANOVA in Health Sciences	3	
Year 2 Fall			
NURS:7002	Designing Research	3	9
NURS:7310	Measurement in Health Research	3	
BIOS:5130	Applied Categorical Data Analysis	3	
CPH:7270	Principles of Scholarly Integrity	0	
Year 2 Spring			
NURS:7003	Quantitative Research	4	7
NURS:7803	Research Practicum I	2	
CPH:7270	Principles of Scholarly Integrity	1	
Year 3 Fall			
NURS:6802	Health Policy, Law, and Advocacy***	3	9
NURS:7001	Qualitative Research	4	
NURS:7804	Research Practicum II	2	
Year 3 Spring			
NURS:7404	Biological Markers in Health Research	3	3
	Optional advanced/specific methods or Research Residency (NURS:7509)		
	Optional 3rd Stats or elective		
Years 4-5 Fall and Spring			
NURS:7805	Dissertation Research	11	11
	TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS		57

- * While BIOS:4120 (Introduction to Biostatistics) does not count toward the 72-hour doctoral program requirement, this course will provide the proper foundation for the statistics sequence you will need to complete during the Nursing PhD program. In lieu of taking the class for credit, you may choose to audit the course. Please discuss this with your advisor.
- ** **Other coursework** includes the following: electives, additional methods courses, Research Practicum, or Research Residency.
- *** International students may request a waiver for this course if they do not expect to work in the U.S. after graduation.

NOTES

- All students must have at least one interdisciplinary experience, which can be achieved through the “other coursework” listed above.
- Research Practicum courses and cognates can be taken during the summer. Research Practicum courses can be taken anytime during the program; they are slotted in the POS as an example.
- **Research Residency (NURS:7509)** can be taken for 1-3 s.h. (semester hours), and there are no limitations on how many times it can be taken. It can be taken during the summer.

All doctoral programs will contain a minimum of 72 semester hours of graduate work. Of those 72 semester hours, at least 39 must be earned while registered in The University of Iowa Graduate College, and after formal program admission. For example, the academic registration requirement cannot be fulfilled by coursework completed under the non-degree or non-departmental student classification or with transfer credit. This means that students can have credit for up to 33 hours from their master's or DNP program.