



BSN TO PHD

PhD in Nursing



ABOUT THIS SEQUENCE

Jump into a quality PhD program, starting from your BSN. Our BSN to PhD program is ideal for nurses without a master's who want a fast and direct pathway to a doctoral degree. You can graduate in as little as four years in this part-time, online program, and unlock a career in research or teaching.

AT A GLANCE

- **DELIVERY**
Online
- **CREDIT HOURS**
75 credit hours
- **TIME FRAME**
4 years part-time
- **START**
Fall term
- **WHEN TO APPLY**
Priority filing period:
Sept. 1–July 15*

Unlock a career in research or teaching with a PhD in Nursing.

ONLINE WITH ENGAGED FACULTY

Our program's flexible, fully online format makes earning your PhD more convenient. But "online" doesn't mean "on your own." Students receive the same faculty involvement, care, and quality associated with an on-campus program.

NO MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIRED

Skip the master's and dive into your doctorate. This program accelerates you from BSN to PhD in as little as 4 years, without needing to first obtain a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

MADE FLEXIBLE FOR LIFE BALANCE

Designed for working professionals, our plan of study is part-time to facilitate work-life balance. Also, nearly all classes are offered asynchronously, which means you don't need to attend class at a specific time—you can set your own learning schedule.

GROUNDBREAKING FACULTY RESEARCHERS

MCN's faculty are nationally and internationally recognized for their work focusing on vulnerable populations, aging, simulation, and more. Be matched with one of these skilled faculty researchers as you conduct your own research. Additionally, our Office of Research, Scholarship, and Innovation is here to help you reach your full potential.

A MORE AFFORDABLE WAY TO YOUR PHD

By going directly from BSN to PhD, you can save time and money over the traditional route of first pursuing a master's degree. Plus, Illinois State University is consistently ranked among the Best Bang for the Buck Colleges in the Midwest.

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As a current PhD candidate, I truly enjoy the flexibility and convenience of the online format. The ability for me to work on my coursework on my own schedule has been incredible. The PhD professors and online support are available and quick to respond to any questions.

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