

# PhD in Nursing Education (DNP to PhD) at William Carey



## The Program

The Doctor of Philosophy program is a terminal degree designed to:

- Prepare DNP graduates to serve as nurse scholars and nurse educators.
- Prepare graduates for the educator role including the ability to use sound educational concepts, principles, and knowledge in order to develop undergraduate and graduate nursing students who will be able to contribute to the health and well-being of diverse populations across the lifespan.
- Prepare graduates to assume leadership and upper-level administrative roles in nursing education to assure accountable clinical nursing practice.

## Flexible and Convenient

- Annual Fall admission
- The program can be taken in a two-year part-time option.
- **HYBRID FORMAT:** four Friday and Saturday face-to-face meetings per year at the Hattiesburg, Mississippi campus
- WCU operates on a trimester system consisting of three trimesters and a summer term each academic year.

## Curriculum:

- 21 credit hours awarded for DNP degree
- 40 hours of course work
- Written comprehensive examination during the second year to determine mastery of the PhD content
- Each student must complete a dissertation.
  - Research courses are developed to help the students through the dissertation process.
  - Dissertation committee will be provided

## Courses include the following:

NUR 664 Role Development for the Nurse Educator  
NUR 665 Curriculum Development and Program Planning  
NUR 666 Instructional Strategies and Evaluation of Student Learning  
NUR 721 Creating an Online Educational Environment  
NUR 725 Advanced Curriculum Assessment and Evaluation  
NUR 726 Role Perspectives and Practicum  
NUR 734 Program Evaluation

NUR 752 Advanced Research Methodology  
NUR 753 Research Development  
NUR 800 Statistics  
NUR 801 Research Process I  
NUR 802 Research Process II  
NUR 803 Research Process III  
NUR 804 Research Process IV

## Admission Requirements:

- Completed application: [www.wmcarey.edu/page/graduate-application](http://www.wmcarey.edu/page/graduate-application)
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all university/college work completed to date
- Scholarly narrative (1-2 pages) of personal philosophy of nursing education and goals
- Three reference forms: two from individuals who can attest to research and scholarship and one personal reference. The reference form will be emailed to the references entered in the online application.
- Updated curriculum vita
- Hold a DNP from an accredited school of nursing
- Have earned a GPA of > 3.0 on DNP coursework
- Current unencumbered nursing license with no pending legal or state board action. Unencumbered licensure must be maintained throughout enrollment in the program.
- Eligibility to re-enter any previously attended college or university in good standing. If previously enrolled in a PhD program, the applicant must be in good standing with that program and must provide a letter of good standing from that program.
- Demonstration of computer literacy including proficiency in word processing, email correspondence, and the internet

## Pre-Program Requirements:

Prior to taking courses within the program, the applicant must:

- Demonstrate competency of scholarly writing through one of the following options:
  1. Submission of a GRE Analytical Writing Score of  $\geq 4.0$  within the past five years,
  2. Pass NUR 799 Academic Writing for Doctoral Students with a grade of B or better, or
  3. Successful review of a writing submission.

*\*Email [jbarton@wmcarey.edu](mailto:jbarton@wmcarey.edu) for the guidelines for using a writing submission.*
- Prior to taking NUR 752 Advanced Research Methodology, demonstrate basic competence in statistics as evidenced by successful completion with a grade of B or better in an undergraduate or graduate level statistics course within the past 10 years or substantial experience in nursing research projects.
- Submit a valid Criminal Background Check or complete one at orientation.

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[www.wmcarey.edu/program/doctoral-nursing-education](http://www.wmcarey.edu/program/doctoral-nursing-education)  
for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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