

PHD

Full-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7501	Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
NURS 7530	Analysis of The Context of Health Care ¹	3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
	Hours	9
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods ¹	3
Cognate I ²		3
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I	4
	Hours	10
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II	4
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
	Hours	8
Second Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
Cognate II		3
	Hours	9
Spring		
Research Methods Elective ²		3
Cognate III ²		3
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
	Hours	10
Summer		
Elective		3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
	Hours	4
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
	Hours	9
Spring		
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
	Hours	7
	Total Hours	66

¹ * Required courses offered one time a year only

² ** These courses may be selected from offerings at UTHealth Houston or other accredited universities through enrollment agreements.

³ ***N7554 Research Forum: Students will need to complete three (3) one credit Research Forum courses during the course of the program. Research Forum can be taken any semester but must be taken three different semesters. Students should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁴ ****N7555 Research Practicum: Research Practicum will be offered every semester. The student should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁵ Dissertation: Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours can be taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense)

Note: The elective and cognates taken must be at the graduate level. The cognates chosen should reflect the focus of the dissertation research and should be taken outside the Cizik School of Nursing & must be approved by the Dissertation Chairperson/ Student Advisor before enrollment.

- Cognates = 3 Courses= 9 credits
- Electives =1 Course= 3 credits

Part-Time Degree Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
NURS 7530 Analysis of The Context of Health Care ¹		
NURS 7501 Conceptual Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹		
	Hours	6
Spring		
NURS 7505	Adv Stat for Clinical Research I ²	4
Cognate ²		3
	Hours	7
Summer		
NURS 7506	Adv Stat for Clinical Research II (Cognate I) ¹	4
	Hours	4
Second Year		
Fall		
Research Methods Elective		3
NURS 7555	Research Practicum ⁴	3
	Hours	6
Spring		
NURS 7540	Adv Research Designs & Methods (Cognate I) ²	3
Cognate ²		3
	Hours	6
Summer		
NURS 7542	Adv Research Design and Methods II ¹	3
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
	Hours	4
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 7541	Appl Measurement Theory for Biomedical and Health Science Research ¹	3
NURS 7543	Empirical Basis of Scientific Inquiry ¹	3
	Hours	6
Spring		
NURS 7550	Research Proposal Development ¹	2
NURS 7550B	Research Proposal Development B ¹	1
Cognate II ²		3
NURS 7590	Candidacy Exam (Can Enroll Spring or Summer)	1
	Hours	7
Summer		
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
	Hours	1

Fourth Year**Fall**

NURS 7552	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	2
NURS 7552B	Research Planning and Implementation ¹	1
Cognate III ²		3
	Hours	6
Spring		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
NURS 7554	Research Forums ³	1
	Hours	7
Summer		
NURS 7600	Dissertation ⁵	6
	Hours	6
	Total Hours	66

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⁴ Will be offered every semester. The student should plan with their advisor for timing of completion.

⁵ Dissertation- Students must complete 12 hours of dissertation prior to graduation. The 12 hours can be taken after Candidacy is successfully completed and should be taken in increments of 3 hours but must have at least 3 hours in the last semester (semester of final defense)

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