



**SUBR**

**SCHOOL of NURSING**

## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING (Ph.D.)**

Southern University School of Nursing is a professional school within the context of higher education offering BSN, MSN, DNP, and PhD degree programs. It has as its major focus the education for advancement to the highest levels of preparation for nursing education, practice, administration, and research. The Ph.D. in Nursing is a research-focused degree program inclusive of theory based and health policy courses. Scholarly inquiry focused on vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, health disparities and underserved minorities prepare doctoral students for nursing research, and faculty positions in academic, clinical, and administrative settings. The Ph.D. degree program prepares future generations of leaders in nursing whose research will expand the knowledge base that informs nursing education and clinical practice. A cadre of well-qualified faculty hold distinctions as Fellows in the American Academy of Nursing, Academy of Nursing Education, and NLN Certified Nurse Educators utilize innovative pedagogies to teach and guide doctoral students in the scientific appraisal of nursing and health care research.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Nurses with Ph.D. degrees are prepared to assume a variety of roles such as researchers, educators, administrators, and leaders in health policy. Ph.D. prepared nurses are essential in meeting the growing demands for nursing faculty, the ongoing needs for scientific inquiry of nursing research, and the need for nurse leaders with skills to address the nation's complex health care system.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, applicants must:

1.) Complete Graduate School Application Form, 2.) Three Letters of Recommendation, 3.) Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, 4.) Completion of Pre-requisite Masters level statistics course, 5.) Official GRE Score Report taken within 5 years of the application, 6.) A two to three page Statement of Interest in Doctoral Study, 7.) Curriculum Vitae, 8.) Evidence of computer literacy, 9.) Evidence of original scholarship or research in nursing, 10.) Eligibility for licensure to practice nursing in Louisiana, 11.) Scholarly Writing Sample and 12.) Interview of Applicant

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

The program of study for the Ph.D. in Nursing requires 60 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree: 9 hours of core; 18 hours of research (includes 3 credit hours for a research practicum and 3 credit hours for advanced research); 12 credits for focus of study courses; 9 credits for cognates (700 level and above), and 12 credit hours for dissertation.

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who demonstrate outstanding potential for doctoral study. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and is based on availability of funds.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

For more detailed information, please refer to the Southern University Graduate School website:

<http://www.subr.edu/page/1567>

