



**Nicole Wertheim  
College of Nursing  
& Health Sciences**

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## Doctor of Philosophy: PhD In Nursing



### Program Highlights:

- Funding Opportunities Available
- Rolling Admission
- The Nicole Wertheim Research Scholarship can cover full tuition and fees plus a stipend for competitive full-time scholars
- MSN and BSN entry options available
- Contact [jospina@fiu.edu](mailto:jospina@fiu.edu) for more

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## The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing

Approved by the Florida Board of Governors in 2003. The program's purpose is to develop individuals who will be leaders, researchers and educators in generating and applying the science needed to guide nursing practice. Graduates have the knowledge and skills to conduct healthcare research, and direct and guide application of other evidence-based health care findings to improve the health of people from diverse cultures and under-served populations.

### MSN Entry Curriculum

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| NGR 6123 - Knowledge Development in Nursing Science (3)   |
| NGR 6800 - Advanced Nursing Research Methods I (3)  |
| NGR 6850 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice I (3)                                    |
| NGR 6917 - Grantsmanship I (3)  |
| NGR 6801 - Advanced Nursing Research Methods II (3)   |
| NGR 6851 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice II (3)                                   |
| NGR 6857 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice III (3)                                  |
| NGR 6918 - Grantsmanship II (3)   |
| NGR 7736 - Academic, Health Care and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival (3) |
| NGR 7873 - Accessing, Managing, and Packaging Information (3)   |
| NGR 6815 - Qualitative Methods (3)  |
| NGR 7830 - Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations (3)             |
| NGR 6852 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice III (3)                                  |
| Cognate Elective (3)  |
| Statistics Elective (by Advisement) (3)   |
| Cognate Elective (3)  |
| NGR 7982 - Candidacy Examination (3-9)  |
| NGR 7980 - Dissertation I (3-18)  |



## Students in both tracks:

Are expected to complete the dissertation process within five (5) years from the date of advancement to candidacy (*i.e., successful completion of written and oral examinations, favorable recommendation of supervisory/guidance committee, and an approved dissertation proposal.*)

### BSN Entry Curriculum

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| NGR 6123 - Knowledge Development in Nursing Science (3)  |
| NGR 5141 - Pathophysiological Basis of APN (3)   |
| NGR 5810 - Research Methods in Nursing (3)   |
| NGR 6172 - Pharmacological Concepts in APN (3)   |
| NGR 5131 - Culture and Advanced Nursing Practice (3)   |
| NGR 6815 - Qualitative Methods (3)   |
| NGR 7873 - Accessing, Managing, and Packaging Information (3)<br>(FYI: Research Project Requirement for MSN)                                 |
| NGR 6800 - Advanced Nursing Research Methods I (3)   |
| NGR 6917 - Grantsmanship I (3)   |
| NGR 7830 - Research in Health Care for Multicultural, Diverse, and Vulnerable Populations (3)  |
| NGR 6801 - Advanced Nursing Research Methods II (3)  |
| NGR 6918 - Grantsmanship II (3)  |
| NGR 7736 - Academic, Health Care and Political Systems: Function, Structure, Leadership, and Survival (3)                                    |
| NGR 5035C - Advanced Client Assessment (3) - Cognate Elective (3)  |
| NGR - NGR 6201C Advanced Adult-Gero or NGR 6601C Family or NGR 6301C Child or NGR 6503 Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing I (3-4)             |
| NGR - NGR 6201L Advanced Adult or NGR 6601L Family or NGR 6301L Child or NGR 6503L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum I (3-4)       |
| NGR 6851 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice II (3)  |
| NGR 6857 - Empirical Evidence for Clinical Research and Practice III (3)   |
| NGR - NGR 6202L Advanced Adult-Gero or NGR 6602L Family or NGR 6302L Child or NGR 6504L Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Practicum II (3-4) |
| Stats Elective by Advisement (3)   |
| NGR - NGR 6700L Role Synthesis in Advanced Adult or NGR 6619L Family or NGR 6337L Child or NGR 65056L - Psychiatric Mental Health (4)        |
| NGR - NGR 6209 Clinical Decision Making Adult-Gero or NGR 6748 Family or NGR 6337 Child or NGR 6560 Psychiatric Mental Health (3)            |
| NGR 7982 - Candidacy Examination (3-9)   |
| NGR 7980 - Dissertation I (3-18)   |

**NWCNHS Nursing programs are accredited** by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs and approved by the Florida State Board of Nursing

## Program Eligibility:

- Hold an accredited MSN or BSN degree
- Overall MSN GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GRE taken within the last 5 years
- Current RN or APRN license and professional liability insurance (*waived for international students*)
- Successful completion of all FIU Graduate Admissions requirements found <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admission-requirements/#doctoral>
- Completion of all CNHS application requirements, including a successful interview with the Admissions Committee

## How to Apply

**STEP 1: Contact the Nursing PhD Program Manager:**  
Julian Ospina at [jospina@fiu.edu](mailto:jospina@fiu.edu)

**STEP 2: Apply to FIU's Graduate School**

- Submit the online application <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/>
- Send official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Have official GRE score report sent directly to FIU

Submit all paper materials by deadline to:

**FIU Graduate Admissions Office**  
Box 659004, Miami, FL 33265-9004

**STEP 3: Apply to our PhD Program via NursingCAS**

- Submit the online application via [www.nursingcas.org/](http://www.nursingcas.org/)



## Our Current Research Areas

- Chronic Health
- End of Life Palliative Care
- Health Disparities
- HIV/AIDS & STIS
- Maternal and Child Health
- Gerontology
- Veteran's Health
- Rural Health

## Miami: Our Main Campus



Located in sunny Miami, FIU's main campus spans 342 acres. It is home to many of FIU's most recognized school and colleges, as well as the FIU Arena and FIU Stadium. It features a variety of restaurants and residence options and a spacious, fully equipped recreation center in a lush, suburban setting.



NWCNHS is proud to support diversity among students, faculty, & staff

## Deans, Professors, & Faculty Advisors



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