

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™

## Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

UGPC APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 UFS APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 CATALOG \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: NURSING PHD PROGRAM IN THE OFFICE OF  
 RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

COLLEGE: CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

PROGRAM NAME:  
 NURSING PHD PROGRAM

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
 (PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

WE ARE REQUESTING TO CHANGE THE FALL SEMESTER INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NURSING PHD APPLICATION DEADLINE FROM JANUARY 31 TO MARCH 15. WE ARE ALSO REQUESTING THE SPRING SEMESTER INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NURSING PHD APPLICATION DEADLINE FROM JULY 31 TO OCTOBER 1.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEADLINES ARE CURRENTLY A MONTH AND A HALF TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS. OUR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT NEED EXTRA TIME TO PROCESS THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATIONS. A LATER DEADLINE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WILL GIVE STUDENTS MORE TIME TO APPLY TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE THE DEADLINE. ALSO, KEEPING THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINES THE SAME WILL ELIMINATE CONFUSION.

Faculty contact, email and complete phone number:

Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.

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 UFS President: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Provost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

8-28-15  
8/31/15  
10/2/15  
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Email this form and syllabus to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the Ph.D. program will be for the fall and spring semesters each year. Applications must be submitted to the University's Graduate College before completing the application to the College of Nursing. Evidence of the following information is required in the admissions process:

1. Master's degree with a Major in Nursing from a university or college of nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Official copies of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions of education should be sent directly to the University's Graduate College. The University will not be able to accept applications without an official unopened transcript from each institution attended since high school.
2. Minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA in a nursing master's program.
3. Competitive scores on Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT).
4. Curriculum vitae; required format available on the [website](#).
5. Three letters of recommendation from academic and professional references, one from a master's program professor holding a doctorate (see "[Guidelines Regarding Letters of Reference](#)" on the College of Nursing's website).
6. An example of work that depicts a culminating scholarly product from the master's program. Examples: thesis, project, manuscript for evidenced-based research course, paper/manuscript for inquiry practicum.
7. A typed statement of the applicant's goals for the doctoral degree (12-point font, double-spaced, no more than 500 words).
8. Evidence of grade of "B" or better in a graduate statistics course that provides the student with a broad knowledge of statistical concepts and techniques necessary for critical consumption of research. A copy of the syllabus or official catalog course description will be required if the course was not taken at FAU.
9. Prerequisite course: NGR 6110, Advanced Nursing Practice Grounded in Caring.
10. Satisfactory background check (a background check is required after conditional acceptance to the program).

Applicants will be required to have an interview with members of the doctoral admissions committee. Upon review of all the information about the applicant by the doctoral program committee, a decision for admission will be made and the applicant will be notified. Part-time study for the Ph.D. may be an option at the faculty's discretion.

Website change for deadline dates:

**Application Deadlines**

*Domestic Students*

Fall: March 15

Spring: October 1

No summer semester acceptance

*International Students*

Fall: January 31

Spring: July 31