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Program Description
- Online program curriculum with two entry tracks available – BSN to PhD and MSN to PhD
- Begins each fall semester (Aug) with both full-time and part-time tracks available
- Length of program varies by student
- Requires 90 credit hours of post-baccalaureate hours (up to 44 hrs may be transferred from MSN degree)

PhD Admission Requirements
- Research goal match with OU CON faculty member
- GPA of 3.5 in MSN curriculum for MSN-PhD applicants; GPA of 3.5 in last 60 hours of BSN for BSN-PhD applicants
- Prerequisite statistics course
- Competitive GRE scores within the last five years
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing or Master of Science in Nursing degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Our online doctoral degree programs accept applicants from states participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)

PhD Application Process
- Online applications at nursing.ouhsc.edu
- Application deadline: April 1, preference given to applicants who apply by Feb. 1
- Official transcripts from each college previously attended
- Evidence of entry-level graduate writing ability, based on written supplemental essay
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) and three letters of recommendation
- Interview
- International applicants may have additional requirements; please refer to nursing.ouhsc.edu for more information

Financial Aid
- Scholarships are available through the College
- Financial Aid: ouhsc.edu/financialservices/SFA/

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