PhD Admission Requirements

☑ Hold a master's degree in nursing or related field or equivalent

☑ Have a minimum B+ standing in your master's degree

☑ Identify a faculty member who has agreed to be your supervisor

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Identifying a PhD Supervisor

- See web resources from SGS: https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/resources-supports/supervision/supervision-guidelines/supervision-guidelines-for-students-section-1-introduction/#section_2

- See faculty list on our website and consider:
  o Research area from publications
  o Clarify methodology expertise
  o Explore ability to work together

- May contact connect.nursing@utoronto.ca or kim.widger@utoronto.ca

PhD Admission: Pre-Screening

Send to connect.nursing@utoronto.ca:

☑ Unofficial transcripts

☑ Proof of English Facility (if degree is from outside of Canada and English is not the primary language of instruction)

☑ CV

☑ Potential supervisor and why they are a good match

PhD Admission: Application

Submit through SGS Application Portal:

- ☑ CV (plus comment on any gaps)

- ☑ Research & Career Plans (research interests, background, career plans, UofT fit, balance)

- ☑ Sample of scholarly work

- ☑ Two academic references

- ☑ Transcripts

PhD Admission: Application (CV)

What you should include in your CV:

- Academic education (post-secondary degrees, diplomas, certificates)
- Continuing education & certification (including workshops, professional development)
- Awards and honours (e.g. practice awards from employing organization, bursaries, scholarships)
- Professional employment
- Peer-reviewed presentations / publications / research (e.g. workshops, conferences, journal references)
- Current membership in professional organizations
- Committees (e.g. work-related, professional)
- Clinical / administrative / practice innovations (please provide brief descriptions or examples)
- Research involvement (please provide a brief description of projects and role and/or your involvement and role in research-oriented organizations)
- Relevant volunteer activities

PhD Admission: Application Essay Questions

PhD in Nursing Science Applicants:

1) State the research questions or a specific area that interests you and why it needs to be researched (~1000 words)

2) Discuss your interest in and preparation for PhD studies in nursing (~250 words)

3) Describe how your personal background and life experiences contributed to your research interests and to your decision to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of Toronto (~250 words)

4) Outline your career plans and discuss how doctoral education is relevant to your professional goals, and your area of research interest within the nursing profession (~250)

5) Discuss why you think the program at the University of Toronto is a good fit for you given your interests and plans (~250 words).

6) Describe your plan to balance demands of the full time PhD program (course work, thesis/research, TAships) with personal and work commitments (~250 words).

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Doctor of Nursing (DN) Admission: Requirements

☑ Hold a master's degree in nursing or closely-related field

☑ Have a minimum B+ standing in your master's degree

☑ Have a minimum of 2 years relevant healthcare leadership experience or advanced nursing education teaching experience

☑ Be a registered nurse holding current registration in at least one jurisdiction

☑ Identify a faculty member who has agreed to be your supervisor

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Identifying a DN Supervisor

- See web resources from SGS: https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/resources-supports/supervision/supervision-guidelines/supervision-guidelines-for-students-section-1-introduction/#section_2

- Selection process more nuanced

- Contact kim.widger@utoronto.ca to discuss potential supervisors

DN Admission: Pre-Screening

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☑ CV

☑ Potential supervisor and why they are a good match

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DN Admission: Application

Submit through SGS Application Portal:

- ☑ CV (plus comment on any gaps)

- ☑ Research & Career Plans (potential project, background, career plans, leadership/education experience, balance)

- ☑ Sample of written work

- ☑ One academic and two professional/employment references

- ☑ Transcripts

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DN Admission: Application (CV)

What you should include in your CV:

- Academic education (post-secondary degrees, diplomas, certificates)
- Continuing education & certification (including workshops, professional development)
- Awards and honours (e.g., practice awards from employing organization, bursaries, scholarships)
- Professional employment
- Peer-reviewed presentations / publications / research (e.g., workshops, conferences, journal references)
- Current membership in professional
- Committees (e.g., work-related, professional)
- Clinical / administrative / practice / teaching innovations (please provide brief descriptions or examples)
- Research involvement (please provide brief descriptions of projects and your role and/or your involvement and role in research-oriented organizations)
- Relevant volunteer activities

DN Admission: Application Essay Questions

Doctor of Nursing Applicants:

1) Describe a specific project/thesis area that interests you and why it needs to be studied. The description must include the identification and investigation of a practice problem and the application of theory and research. The project/thesis should focus on translating research into practice, applying research knowledge in decision-making, and/or developing and implementing clinical innovations to make an impact on the healthcare system, improving care delivery, and/or advancing nurse education and scholarship. (~1000 words)

2) Describe how your personal background and life experiences contributed to your scholarship interests in this area and to your decision to pursue a Doctor of Nursing degree at the University of Toronto (~250 words)

3) Outline your career plans and discuss how the Doctor of Nursing degree is relevant to your professional goals (~250 words)

4) Applicants for the Doctor of Nursing degree must have a minimum of 2 years relevant healthcare leadership experience or advanced nursing education teaching experience. Describe your experiences in either healthcare leadership or advanced nursing education teaching to demonstrate you have fulfilled this criteria for admission (~500 words)

5) Describe your plan to balance demands of the full time DN program (course work, thesis/research, TAships) with personal and work commitments (~250 words)

DN Admission: Tips

Acceptance into the program is based on:

High marks (particularly in research courses)

Leadership/education experience

Writing ability

Fit with supervisor

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