



Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences

Master of Science in Applied Nursing Research New degree program for School of Nursing

The purpose of this program is for students enrolled in the PhD Nursing program who, for extenuating reasons, cannot complete the requirements. We want to offer the students a degree that represents the time, effort, and investment they have put into their completed coursework. Recognizing a student's significant achievement through the formal process of granting a degree benefits both the university and the student in providing a valuable graduate degree to offer potential employers.

This proposed MS program is an exit-only degree from the already well-established PhD in Nursing program; there is no entry into the program. The program will consist of 30 credits, although students total graduating credits may exceed 30 if they have taken elective courses during their program. Since this is an exit-only degree and the courses are core to the existing PhD Nursing program, no additional resources are required to launch the new Master of Science in Applied Nursing Research program.

Core Nursing Courses

- NRS 7700 Science of Nursing (3cr)
- NRS 7705 Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations (3cr)
- NRS 7750 Health Care of Urban Populations (3cr)

Core Research & Statistics Courses

- NRS 5121 Epidemiology & Population Health (3cr)
- NRS 7104 Foundations in Nursing Research (3cr)
- NRS 7709 Qualitative Research Methods (3cr)
- NRS 7712 Quantitative Research Methods (3cr)
- NRS 7715 Measurement in Clinical Research (3cr)
- PHTH 5210 Biostatistics (3cr)
- PHTH 6210 Applied Regression Analysis (3cr)

Nurses with a master's degree have an essential role in nursing research. The *American Association of Colleges of Nursing* state "the master's-prepared nurse examines policies and seeks evidence for every aspect of practice, thereby translating current evidence and identifying gaps where evidence is lacking". Research activities may include:

- Data collection in nursing practice
- Development of data bases that generate meaningful evidence
- Application of research findings to the clinical setting
- Evidenced-based policy development

A nurse with a Master of Science in Applied Nursing Research may work in a variety of healthcare settings, universities, and non-profit or private companies. Some example job titles include:

- Clinical Research Nurse
- Research Coordinator
- Clinical Trial Manager
- Patient Recruitment Manager
- Regulatory Submissions Coordinator
- Project director

School of Nursing
102 Robinson Hall
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

617.373.3649
bouve.northeastern.edu/nursing/