

Milestones

Timeline illustration for PhD students in PhD (BSN)—Nursing (entered with BSN)
(Program)

Degree Plan ID N**990BSD20192

UT Austin Milestones	Expected Time of Achievement
Review degree requirements and milestones agreement form with adviser	During New student Orientation – complete online agreement
Presentation at Scholarly Development Workshop	During the 1st year (spring semester)
Successful completion of all exams (oral and/or written) needed to advance to candidacy	During the 2nd year (spring semester) OR During the 3rd year (fall semester)
Complete all required, formal coursework & Presentation at Scholarly Development workshop II	During 2nd year (spring semester)
Submission of abstract for presentation-1 st author or with other student[s] & presentation of poster (1 st author not required)	During 2 nd year (fall semester)
Presentation or poster (1 st author) & Submission of manuscripts (1 st author not required)	During 2 nd year
Preliminary Examination course	During 2 nd year (spring semester)
Submission of proposal for research funding	During 3 rd year
Dissertation Proposal Meeting	During 3 rd year (fall or spring semesters)
Advancement to candidacy	During the 3rd year (spring or summer semesters)
IRB (human testing) approvals (if needed) and IACUC (animal testing) approvals (if needed)	During 3rd year
Dissertation/treatise (or equivalent) completed, successfully defended, and approved by committee	During 4th year
Student completes and files all paperwork required for graduation	During 4th year
Dissertation accepted by Graduate School	During 4th year
Exit interview completed and submitted to Survey of Earned Doctorates	During 4th year
Other program specific requirements Describe: English as a Second Language	During the first semester (fall semester); if applicable
Other program specific requirements Describe: Take writing course if GRE score less than 4	During 2nd year: Fall semester

Degree Plan Requirements

Recommended Steps for Completing a Ph.D. in Nursing

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Note: Only a few items from this broad list of degree requirements will be required for a given Ph.D. program. Always check with your Graduate Adviser or Graduate Coordinator for the most complete description of degree requirements.

Required	Recommended	Does not apply	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / OPTIONS	Required	Recommended	Does not apply	PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS / OPTIONS
√			Complete Milestones Agreement Form with Adviser	√			Satisfactorily complete second year paper
	√		Plan coursework / complete any required background coursework	√			Define area of specialization / Identify dissertation topic
		√	English certification (if needed, before student contact)	√			Defend research proposal
		√	X98T, as needed	√			IRB (humans) or IACUC (animals) approval from UT, if needed
			Proseminar / Introduction to faculty research	√			Form dissertation committee
		√	Complete teaching assistant requirement	√			Copyright tutorial
		√	Safety training, as needed	√			Apply for candidacy
√			Learn research protocols	√			Enroll in dissertation/treatise hours (X99R, then X99W)
		√	Fulfill first foreign language competency			√	Revisit career options
		√	Complete second foreign language competency	√			Continue to develop research proposal / proposal review
		√	Fulfill foreign language requirement, as needed	√			Give research presentation
		√	Complete lab rotations	√			Begin dissertation data collection and/or dissertation field work
√			Identify supervising professor (or temporary advisor)	√			Apply for dissertation fellowship
		√	Visit Career Center, or equivalent	√			Develop timeline for dissertation completion with supervisor
√			Complete required coursework for degree	√			Complete data collection and/or dissertation field work
√			Complete Pre-Qualifying/Pre-Comprehensive Exam Procedure			√	Internship
		√	Prepare for major exams	√			Submit paper(s) for publication
√			Pass project proposal and defense	√			Apply to graduate / Provide placement data
√			Write and submit research proposal	√			Contact committee members to schedule date for defense/defend
√			Establish qualifying exam committee	√			Submit dissertation to the Graduate School
√			Pass all written and/or oral qualifying exams	√			Approval of GSC Chair that all degree requirements met ("Gold Sheet")
√			Complete master's level requirements			√	Exit interview
√			Apply for pre-doctoral fellowship or other extramural funding			√	Survey of Earned Doctorates
√			Establish comprehensive exam committee			√	Register to attend convocation / Order regalia
√			Pass comprehensive exams	√			Other: Completed Writing course, if applicable
√			Formal request for admission to Ph.D. program	√			Other: Completing ESL courses, if applicable

* Items in bold are Graduate School requirements of (nearly) all doctoral students