

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

# Doctorate in Philosophy of Nursing (PhD)



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## ENVISIONING AND EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF NURSING

Provincially, nationally, and globally, there is a deepening shortage of doctorally prepared nursing faculty. TWU's School of Nursing is offering a groundbreaking PhD in Nursing program designed for nurses who are in or who want to be in academic positions, and those who work in or desire to work in healthcare organizations.

The PhD in Nursing program actively engages a community of nurse scholars who deepen their own nursing knowledge, contribute to new nursing knowledge, and lead in academic and health-care contexts.

Rooted in the Christian ethos of TWU, students will have opportunity to develop a values-based approach to higher education, leadership, and research. The flexible and accessible online approach is tailored for learners who are working in educational institutions or health-care organizations. The program features:

- Online courses (synchronous and asynchronous delivery)
- Annual summer residences
- Internships in education, policy, or research
- Doctoral seminars
- A comprehensive dissertation

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## PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Advance the discipline of nursing by generating new nursing knowledge that is responsive to the needs of society.



Demonstrate in-depth, critical analysis through written and oral communication of research methodologies and methods, with an expertise in a methodology related to a chosen field of inquiry or research program.



Conduct rigorous, original research in a substantive area that lays a foundation for a program of socially relevant research at the forefront of the discipline.



Utilize educational philosophy and higher education research and theory to lead in academic settings, and to critique, develop, teach, and evaluate nursing curricula and teaching strategies.



Develop and enact public policy, including health and educational policy, contributing to health care and society.



Engage in meaningful professional service, advocacy, and mobilization of complex knowledge to diverse audiences.

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## PROGRAM DELIVERY

TWU's PhD program consists of 45 credit hours, and typically takes 48 months to complete.

It is an accessible online program featuring a community of nurse scholars cultivated through annual one- or two-week residencies at the main campus in Langley, British Columbia, and at the Laurentian Leadership Centre (LLC) in Ottawa, Ontario, with online offerings through the rest of the year.

### WELL-ROUNDED

A well-rounded program reflects the breadth of roles and responsibilities of those holding an academic position.

Distinct from nursing PhD programs that give top priority to developing scientists, the TWU program is intentionally well-rounded to target all professional skills required for an academic position. Such preparation includes an Advanced Educational Leadership course and an Advanced Public Policy and Knowledge Translation course, in addition to research methodology and design courses.

### INTERNSHIP & MENTORSHIP

Internship and mentorship opportunities to learn professional skills from expert educators, leaders, and researchers.

Internships completed in the second year offer a unique experiential learning aspect to this online program. Students complete a 3-semester hour (approximately 100 hours) internship in education, research, or policy to build professional competencies. The internship involves a focused project such as an educational workshop, focused data analysis, or policy development.

### RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING

Research capacity building within a vibrant scholarship community provides an excellent context for knowledge generation, knowledge translation, and evidence-informed practice.

PhD students in the School of Nursing at Trinity Western University will be mentored by outstanding and committed professors with extensive experience and international reputations as nurse leaders and nurse researchers. TWU nursing faculty have a diverse array of professional skills and programs of research.

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Find our full lists of admission requirements at [twu.ca/nursing-phd](https://www.twu.ca/nursing-phd).

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