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## Hampton University School of Nursing PhD in Nursing

### Program Overview

The Ph.D. program in nursing requires a minimum of 48 hours of course work beyond the master's level. Students must complete all requirements for the Ph.D. within seven (7) years after successfully passing the doctoral qualifying examination.

Family and family-related research is the area of emphasis for the degree. Core requirements are the same for all students regardless of their research interests. Students are able to pursue their individual interests by taking elective and cognate courses. The program is designed to be flexible enough to be adjusted to the appropriate needs of the students.

To complete the program, students are required to satisfactorily complete core courses, an approved area of related study, and demonstrate research competence through the completion of the dissertation. The student's competence and scientific knowledge is tested through three doctoral examinations: a qualifying examination, a comprehensive examination, and an oral defense of the dissertation.

### YEAR I

#### Fall Semester I

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 670	Statistics for Health Professionals	3
NURO 710	Family Nursing: Historical and Cultural Perspectives	3
NURO 711	Family Nursing: Philosophical, Conceptual and Theoretical Perspectives	3
<b>Subtotal Credit</b>		<b>9</b>

#### Spring Semester

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<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 712	Family Nursing: Theory & Concept Analysis Qualifying Examination	3
NURO 703	Qualifying Examination	0
NURO 713	Family Nursing Issues: Planning and Policy Leadership	3
NURO 714	Quantitative Methods I	3
<b>Subtotal Credit</b>		<b>9</b>

### YEAR II

#### Fall Semester II

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 715	Quantitative Methods II	3
NURO 716	Nursing Research: Interpretive Methods	3
NURO 717	Nursing Research: Instrument Development	3
<b>Subtotal Credit</b>		<b>9</b>

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### Spring Semester II

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 718	Analysis and Evaluation of Theory Generating & Theory Testing Research	3
	Cognate	3
	Cognate	3
	<b>Subtotal Credit</b>	<b>9</b>

### YEAR III

#### Fall Semester III

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 800	Dissertation Seminar I	3
	Cognate	3
	<b>Subtotal Credit</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Spring Semester III

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 801	Dissertation Seminar II	3
	Cognate	3
NURO 802	PhD Comprehensive Examination	0
	<b>Subtotal Credit</b>	<b>6</b>

### YEAR IV

#### Fall Semester IV

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Credits</u>
NURO 803	Dissertation Research (Must be repeated until dissertation is completed)	6
	<b>Subtotal Credit</b>	<b>6</b>

**TOTAL CREDITS**

**54 - 60**

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### Course Descriptions

#### Required Core Courses

**NURO 670      Statistics for Health Professions      3 credits**

An interdisciplinary course for graduate students in the health professions. Procedure of data reduction presentation and measures of central tendency, variability and relationships are presented to develop both an understanding of an ability to utilize descriptive and inferential statistics. Includes application of computerized data generating and data-analytic programs

**NURO 703      PhD Qualifying Examination      0 credits**

The qualifying examination consists of both written and oral examinations. The purpose is to present a definition and substantial discussion of a concept relevant to practice and research.

**NURO 710      Family Nursing: Historical and Cultural Perspectives      3 credits**

This course focuses on the history of family nursing practice and provides opportunities for an exploration of the influence of culture on family health-related behaviors. Emphasis is placed on the exploration of the contributions of the evolution of nursing practice to the health of families. Students will explore the development of family nursing theory by means of culturally appropriate nursing research methods. Researchable questions emerging from family nursing practice will be identified. Course emphasis will be on minority families.

**NURO 711      Family Nursing: Philosophical, Conceptual, and Theoretical Perspectives      3 credits**

This course focuses on the contemporary philosophical, conceptual, and theoretical perspectives that undergird family nursing research. Emphasis is placed on exploration of the impact of contemporary philosophies of science and nursing science, conceptual models of nursing, and nursing theories on the design and conduct of family nursing research.

**NURO 712      Family Nursing: Theory and Concept Analysis      3 credits**

This course considers contemporary nursing research as it pertains to the current state of the art and directions for future study. Discussions will include advanced analysis of methodology, assumptions, and theoretical structures that underpin the work. Culturally appropriate methods will be emphasized.

**NURO 713      Family Nursing: Planning and Policy Leadership      3 credits**

A critical examination of the role of nursing leadership is presented in light of current health care issues. Among the topics to be considered are demographics distributors of nursing services, legislative and legal forces as they affect the professions, nursing organization as a power for change, educational preparation for practice, and systems of accountability.

**NURO 714      Quantitative Methods I      3 credits**

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This course focuses on the design of descriptive and co relational family-related and family nursing research. Emphasis is placed on the collection and statistical analysis of quantitative data and use of statistical software.

**NURO 715      Quantitative Methods II      3 credits**

This course focuses on the design of experimental family-related and family nursing research. Emphasis is placed on the collection and statistical analysis of quantitative data and the use of statistical software.

**NURO 716      Nursing Research: Interpretative Methods      3 credits**

This course focuses on interpretative methods of family nursing research. Emphasis is placed on the collection and analysis of qualitative data by using case study, survey, phenomenologic, grounded theory, ethnographic, and historical methods of inquiry.

**NURO 717      Nursing Research: Instrument Development      3 credits**

This course focuses on the design and psychometric testing of culturally sensitive instruments. Emphasis is placed on methods used to determine the validity and reliability of instruments to measure family-related and family nursing phenomena.

**NURO 718      Analysis and Evaluation of Theory Generating and Theory Testing Research      3 credits**

This course focuses on the analysis and evaluation of family-related and family nursing research designed to generate or test theories. Emphasis is placed on identification of the conceptual-theoretical-empirical structures for minority family-related and family nursing research.

**NURO 800      Dissertation Seminar I      3 credits**

This course focuses on development of the dissertation research proposal. Emphasis is placed on the elements of integrative reviews of theoretical and empirical literature and outlining the conceptual-theoretical-empirical structure for the research.

**NURO 801      Dissertation Seminar II      3 credits**

This course focuses on the continued development of the dissertation research proposal. Emphasis is placed on refinement of the conceptual-theoretical-empirical structure for the research.

**NURO 802      PhD Comprehensive Examination      0 credits**

The purpose of the comprehensive examination is to demonstrate an understanding of knowledge in relevant, related fields of study, which undergirds the student's dissertation research.

**NURO 803      Dissertation Research      6 - 12 credits**

Must be repeated until dissertation complete. The preparation of the dissertation should begin early in the program and evolve from a study of family or family-related issues. The dissertation should reflect high-level analytical and research competence, and represent an original contribution to the field. The dissertation constitutes the final phase of the program.

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#### Cognates

These courses address the specific substantive and methodological focus of the dissertation research. Relevant courses offered by all departments and schools at Hampton University may be selected with permission of the student's advisor and the doctoral program director.

**NURO 720      Dissemination and Utilization of Family Nursing Research:      3 credits**  
**Theoretical and Practical Perspectives**

This course focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of disseminating and utilizing the findings of family-related and family nursing research. Emphasis is placed on the leadership role of doctorally prepared nurse researchers in developing and applying theories of research dissemination and utilization.

**NURO 721      Vulnerable Populations: A Family Perspective      3 credits**

This course focuses on the phenomenon of vulnerability among families throughout the world. Emphasis is placed on family coping strategies and includes an analysis of family risk factors and resilience in health and illness. An interdisciplinary course.

**NURO 722      Special Topics in Family Nursing      3 credits**

A seminar focusing on a variety of topics related to the advancement of knowledge in family nursing science. Topics arranged through student and faculty research interest.

**NURO 723      Family Research      3 credits**

This course will include an analysis of nursing and other theories in relationship to research of families. Methodological issues related to research of families will be discussed, as will the analysis of family data and measurement issues common to research of families. The seminar will conclude with an agenda for future directions in research of families.

**NURO 724      Special Topics in Family Research and Family Development Theory      3 credits**

This course offers a critical review of theory and research literature on family systems; analysis of methods and instruments; consideration of the specific projects of invited family researchers.

**NURO 799      Independent Study in Nursing      1 - 6 credits**

Independent study as directed by doctoral nursing faculty. Pursuit of individual research project. Student contracts for one to six semester hours. May use as 3 credits of cognate only.