

- TOEFL (Computer Based) not less than 173 score or
- TOEFL (Internet Based) not less than 61 score or
- IELTS not less than 5.0 score or
- CU-TEP not less than 60 score

Only official test reports are accepted. Scores must be from within the last two years.

1.4 Earn current professional license to practice nursing approved by the Nursing Councils from their own country

1.5 Have good work experience and responsibilities

1.6 Possess good behavior without a history of unethical and immoral behavior

1.7 No underlying disease to hinder the study

1.8 Other matters based on the appointed PhD. Committee's consideration

## 2. Plan 2 applicant

- Earn the requirements in item 2.1.1 - 2.1.8 – except item 2.12 by having at least 1 research article (from research studies/thesis) published in international standard journal or national journal over the past 3 years.
- If the applicant graduated from master of nursing in plan B, the independent study must have adopted research methodology and must be published in international standard journal or national journal at least 2 articles over the past 5 years.

## Required documents for application.

### 1. Original Documents

1.1 **Official, confidential transcript(s)** of Bachelor's degree and Master's degree (one for each degree). Non-English transcripts must be translated into English by a certified translator.

1.2 **English language proficiency test scores.** : an applicant must submit scores directly from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered through the Educational Testing Service to the PhD Program Officer at the

Faculty of nursing

1.3 A Medical Certificate and mental health assessment certificate (not more than 6 months).

1.4 **A letter of recommendation.** A recommendation letter of reference is required addressing your performance and judgment in the area in which you wish to study and/or your professional preparation and experience from the director of your institution.

1.5 **An approval letter of study leave** from the institution or if not approved yet, a letter for study leave has to be provided and an approval letter has to be submitted soon after receiving formal approval.

## 2. Certified Copies of Documents

2.1 A certified copy of certification of Bachelor's degree and Master's degree (one for each degree)

2.2 A certified copy of the abstract of the research/thesis articles published in a journal.

2.3 A certified of professional license to practice nursing approved by the appropriate Nursing Council

2.4 A certified copy of marriage certificate/change of name (if name does not match the evidence from other applications)

2.5 A relevant pre-research proposal. Applicants should submit a relevant pre research proposal (not more than 5 pages).

## Focus of research study:

- Elderly
- Eastern Wisdom & Holistic Care
- Chronic Care & Palliative Care
- Ethics
- Health Promotion
- HIV/AIDS
- Nursing Administration & Quality Improvement
- Pain Management
- Health Care System
- Trauma, emergency and disaster



# Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nursing Science (International Program)

Faculty of Nursing  
Prince of Songkla  
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## Vision

The Faculty of Nursing, Prince of Songkla University is a leading international nursing educational institution that creates innovation of continuity of care.

## Guidance curriculum

The Faculty of Nursing, Prince of Songkla University is committed to advanced educational preparation for nursing scholars to build on nursing knowledge with a high quality research process and innovative nursing interventions which focus on an integration of eastern philosophy and eastern wisdom into nursing practices. The goal of the PhD Program in Nursing is to enhance leadership skills and capacities in their own professions and in nursing ethics. In addition, the Faculty of Nursing collaborates with many other universities abroad. This collaboration will provide opportunities for PhD candidates to spend approximately 3 – 6 months studying abroad. Furthermore, there are overseas nursing professors visiting and joining classes at the faculty of nursing. Consequently, PhD students and candidates have opportunities to learn and exchange cross cultural knowledge and experiences with nursing experts.

## Graduates of the Ph.D. Program will be able to:

1. Design, conduct, and disseminate research to contribute to the body of nursing knowledge and innovative practice.
2. Integrate advanced knowledge in construction, implementation, and evaluation of nursing models, theory, practice and education in a variety of setting.
3. Demonstrate leadership to advance the discipline and profession of nursing within areas of specified interest.
4. Interpret and influence health policy and practice through competency in ethical analysis and decision making.

## Program of Study

### 1. Program Description

1.1 Total Credits: minimum 52 credits

Plan 1.1: Research Program

Plan 2.1: Coursework and Research Program

### Curriculum Structure (3 years)

Types of Courses	Curriculum	
	Plan 1.1	Plan 2.1
Core Courses	-	12
Elective Courses	-	4
Thesis	52	36
Total Credits	52	52

### Study Plan

#### Plan 1.1

##### Year 1 Semester 1

641-817\* Seminar in Doctoral Thesis I 1 credit

641-981 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 1 Semester 2

641-981 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 2 Semester 1

641-981 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 2 Semester 2

641-981 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 3 Semester 1

641-818\* Seminar in Doctoral Thesis II 1 credit

641-981 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 3 Semester 2

641-981 Thesis 7 credits

#### Plan 2.1

##### Year 1 Semester 1

641-811 Philosophy of Science and Nursing 2 credits

641-812 Nursing Knowledge Development 2 credits

641-814 Advanced Statistics and Quantitative  
Research in Nursing 3 credits

641-815 Advanced Qualitative Research in Nursing  
2 credits

641-817\* Seminar in Doctoral Thesis I 1 credit

##### Year 1 Semester 2

641-813 Philosophy and Eastern Wisdom 1 credit

641-816 Health System, Policy, Leadership and  
Nursing Professional Development 2  
credits

641-92x Elective Courses 2 credits

641-93x Elective Courses 2 credits

641-991 Thesis 2 credits

##### Year 2 Semester 1

641-991 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 2 Semester 2

641-991 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 3 Semester 1

641-991 Thesis 9 credits

##### Year 3 Semester 2

641-991 Thesis 7 credits

\* it is a non-credit subject

## Tuition fees

125,000 Thai Bahts/Semester for Foreign Student

85,000 Thai Bahts/Semester for Thai Student

## Admission requirements

### 1. For plan 1 applicants

- 1.1 Earn Master's degree in Nursing (plan A – Thesis)
- 1.2 Have at least 1 research article (from research studies/thesis) published in international standard journal or national journal over the past 3 years
- 1.3 Require proficiency in English by;
  - PSU-TEP average score of 3 skills not less than 60
  - TOEFL (Paper Based) not less than 500 score or
  - TOEFL (Institutional Testing Program) not less than 520 score or