

Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nursing Science (International Program)

Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nursing Science (International Program), The Faculty of Nursing at Prince of Songkla University aims to prepare doctoral graduates with the knowledge and ability to generate nursing knowledge or innovations that meet international standards, considering academic ethics and working with interprofessional health networks at local, national, and international levels. The program emphasizes developing the skills and abilities of doctoral graduates to become future nurse leaders. 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 and/or through online systems. Consequently, PhD students and candidates have opportunities to learn and exchange cross cultural knowledge and experiences with nursing experts.

1. Number of students limited	8 applicants		
2. Plan of study	Plan 1.1, 2.1, and 2.2		
3. Instruction Administration	Monday - Tuesday		
4. Format of Instruction	Online and onsite		
5. Tuition fee	5.1 Thai student get the scholarship from original affiliation 85,000 baht/semester and private fund 50,000 baht/semester 5.2 International student 125,000 baht/semester		
6. Course Structure	Course Structure	Plan of study	
		Plan 1.1	Plan 2.1
			Plan 2.2
	Core course	-	14
	Elective course (no less than)	-	4
	Seminar in Doctoral Thesis*	-	-
	Thesis	48	36
	Total	48	54
	72		
	*non-credit		
7. Qualification of applicants	7.1 Plan 1: plan 1.1 applicants who have completed a Master's degree 7.1.1 For Thai applicants: Be a graduate from an educational institution recognized by Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council in Bachelor's degree in Nursing Science or equal and earn a Master's degree in Nursing Science in Plan A or equivalent or a Master's degree in other related fields For international applicants: Master's degree in Nursing Science or equivalent		

7.1.2 Have at least 1 research article (from research studies/thesis) published /received a letter of acceptance for publication in international standard journal or national journal over the past 3 years

7.1.3 Require proficiency in English by;

PSU-TEP/New PSU-TEP	average score of 3 skills not less than 60
TOEFL (Paper Based)	not less than 500 score or
TOEFL (Revised Paper-delivered Test)	not less than 46 score or
TOEFL (Institutional Testing Program)	not less than 520 score or
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.

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

7.1.5 Have good work experience, responsibilities and possess good behavior without a history of unethical and immoral behavior

7.1.6 No underlying disease to hinder the study

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

7.2 Plan 2: plan 2.1 applicants who have completed a Master's degree

7.2.1 Earn the requirements in item 7.1.1 - 7.1.7 – except item 7.1.2 by having at least 1 research article (from research studies/thesis) published / received a letter of acceptance for publication in international standard journal or national journal over the past 5 years.

7.2.2 If the applicant graduated from Master of Nursing in plan B, the independent study must have adopted research methodology and must be published /received a letter of acceptance for publication in international standard journal or national journal at least 2 articles over the past 5 years.

7.3 Plan 2: plan 2.2 applicants who have completed a Bachelor's degree

7.3.1 **For Thai applicants:** Be a graduate from an educational institution recognized by Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council in Bachelor's degree in Nursing Science or equal, with excellent academic performance and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 (out of 4.00).

For international applicants: Be a graduate in a bachelor's degree in nursing or equivalent, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 (out of 4.00).

7.3.2 Earn the requirements in item 7.1.3- 7.1.7

<p>8. Application documents required by program</p>	<p>8.1 Original Documents</p> <p>8.1.1 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.</p> <p>8.1.2 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</p> <p>8.1.3 A medical certificate and mental health assessment certificate, which specifies that the individual has not suffered from any disease which will be a barrier to education (not more than 6 months old).</p> <p>8.1.4 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.</p> <p>8.1.5 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.</p> <p>8.2 Certified Copies of Documents</p> <p>8.2.1 A certified copy of certification of Bachelor's degree and Master's degree (one for each degree)</p> <p>8.2.2 A certified copy of the abstract of the research/thesis articles published in a journal.</p> <p>8.2.3 A certified of professional license to practice nursing approved by the appropriate Nursing Council</p> <p>8.2.4 A certified copy of marriage certificate/change of name (if name does not match the evidence from other applications)</p> <p>8.3 A relevant pre-research proposal Applicants should submit a relevant pre-research proposal in English (not more than 5 pages)</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The following admission materials must be submitted to the graduate studies office, Faculty of Nursing, at least 2 weeks prior to the interview examination. Applicants who submit incomplete documents will not be allowed an interview examination</p>
<p>9. Contact info</p>	<p>9.1 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kittikorn Nilmanat, Chairman of Doctor of Philosophy Program in Nursing Science (International Program)</p> <p>Tel. 0-7428-6503 E-mail: kittikorn.n@psu.ac.th</p>

	<p>9.2 Miss Ratchaneekorn Suthathammarat, Academic officer Tel. 0-7428-6456 E-mail: ratchaneekorn.s@psu.ac.th</p> <p>9.3 The Faculty of Nursing website at https://www.nur.psu.ac.th</p>
Notes	<p>1. If applicants in plan 2.1 are less than 6, the Faculty of Nursing reserves the right to ask applicants to transfer the program to study in plan 1.1</p> <p>2. The Faculty of Nursing reserves the right to close admission in that academic year, if eligible applicants are less than the prospective number that can be accommodated.</p> <p>3. The Faculty of Nursing reserves the right to select from the qualified applicants whose proposal matches the area of expertise of faculty members. (If there is no faculty member who matches the applicant's proposal, the faculty of nursing reserves the right to reject the application.)</p> <p>4. If the Ph.D. applicant haven't passed or other about an English language proficiency requirement, the Ph.D. applicant must have an online test of E-Testing arranged by Graduate School. The Graduate School will send the notification applicant's email have a placement test via E-Testing within the due date.</p>

Test schedule

Subject	Date	Venue
Interview examination (For Thai applicants and international applicants)	The schedule will be sent to the applicant directly via e-mail	

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