

# **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in NURSING**

## **Program Description**

The program is designed to prepare qualified nurses with Master's degree in Nursing to become high caliber nurse professionals who can contribute to the improvement of the nursing profession. It is intended to upgrade their research capability to generate new knowledge that will improve disciplinary and interdisciplinary practices in nursing education and clinical care.

## **Program Educational Objectives**

The Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing seeks to:

1. design nursing theories applicable to nursing service, nursing education and nursing administration;
2. utilize nursing and education theories applicable in designing and implementing health care programs in both clinical and academic settings;
3. apply critical thinking on current problems and issues affecting the nursing profession through research; and
4. assert on the application of new knowledge found in the different work setting.

## **Admission Policies**

A student seeking admission to the program must comply with the following:

1. hold a Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university;
  - 1.1 An applicant with a non-thesis Master's degree will have to enroll six (6) units in thesis.
2. have to take the entrance tests of critical thinking (Watson Glasser) and intelligence (Concept Mastery Test);
3. have to pass the panel interview; and
4. have to submit other required documents for admission
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  - Summary of RLE
  - Recommendation letter from 3 nurse professionals preferably employers.
  - Photocopy of registration card (license)

## **Retention Policies**

To be retained in the program, the student must:

1. maintain a satisfactory cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.75 (90) or better in all subjects. A student should re-enroll a course if given an incomplete mark for more than a year.
2. have not incurred a failure in any subject.

