



## Curriculum Plan Health Policy Concentration

The curriculum consists of a core of doctoral courses on philosophy of science, theory, statistics, and research design. Students additionally choose from a selection of research methods courses, substantive area courses, and electives. Students will also participate in activities at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center at University of New Mexico.

### Required Core Courses – 24 credits

All students are required to take the following core courses:

- N690 Doctoral seminar (three 1-credit seminars)
- N600 Philosophy of Science
- N601 Theory 1: Methods/Process of Nursing Knowledge Development
- N602 Theory II: Contemporary Substantive Nursing Knowledge
- N620 Advanced Health Care Statistics I
- N621 Advanced Health Care Statistics II
- N606 Quantitative Methods in Nursing Research
- N607 Quantitative Methods in Nursing Research

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- N 640 Evidence, Health Policy & Politics
- N 641 Health Disparities & Policy

### Substantive Area Courses – 3 credits

All students are required to select at least one of the following four substantive area courses:

- N608 Nursing Environments of Human Health
- N609 Family Nursing: Concepts, Issues, Outcomes
- N610 Nursing Education: Pedagogy and Roles
- N611 Rural and Cultural Health

### Methods Courses – 6 credits

All students are required to select at least two of the following five methods courses

(Other courses may become available):

- N612 Clinical Nursing Therapeutics and Outcomes
- N613 Advanced Research Methods: Mixed Research Methods
- N593 T: Instrumentation
- N593 T: Advanced Methods in Qualitative Research
- N593 T: Research Methods: Behavioral Observation

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**Electives – 12 credits**

Student will take at least four elective courses (12 credits) in the student's area of interest approved in advance for the program of studies by the Committee on Studies. Subject to the approval of the Committee on Studies, up to six credits of electives may be taken as independent study as part of the program of studies, however, no more than three credits of independent study may be taken in Nursing.

**Dissertation**

Students must complete 18 credits of Dissertation. The Application for Candidacy must be approved by the Committee on Studies prior to completion of the Doctoral comprehensive exam. Once the Doctoral comprehensive examination is passed, the student must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours of dissertation (i.e., N699) each semester until the dissertation is completed.

**Total Program:**

51 credit hours of course work

18 credit hours of dissertation

**Total Credits:**

69 credits total