The Program
PhD in Nursing:
Population Health/Health Policy
- Two (2) Foci (Pop/Health Policy)
- Two (2) “Time” Pathways: FT and PT
- Two (2) Degree Pathways: BS- PhD; MS-PhD
- 6 Curricular Plans (no part-time study for BS-PhD Programs):
  - FT, MS-PhD Pop
  - FT, BS-PhD Pop
  - PT, MS-PhD Pop
  - FT, MS-PhD HP
  - FT, BS-PhD HP
  - PT, MS-PhD HP

Program Goals
The program focuses on the intersection of nursing, health policy, and population health, and prepares its graduates for leadership as researchers and educators who can:
- Analyze the historical, sociological, economic, political and nursing perspectives of population health problems and existing proposed health policies.
- Evaluate and critique health policies that influence the access, quality, and cost of healthcare services.
- Conduct theory-guided qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research that advances knowledge of and informs innovative solutions to population health problems and health policies.
- Influence the development of innovative solutions to population health problems and health policies at local, state, national and international levels.

Degree Requirements
- 60 credits beyond the master’s degree including dissertation credits
- 81 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree including dissertation credits
- Coursework includes population health/health policy, economics, research methods, statistics, philosophy of science, a health policy internship
- Successful completion of comprehensive examination in population health/health policy,
- Full-time students may complete the program in four years. Part-time students are required to take six credits per semester and may complete the program in five or six years (8-year limit to complete PhD).

Student Support Mechanisms
Students enrolled in the program may be eligible to receive funding to support their doctoral studies through one of the three available mechanisms:
- Graduate Assistantships
- Teaching Assistantships
- Fellowships
- Grants

Tuition and Fees
Actual tuition and fees vary according to residency, number of credits taken, and where enrollment occurs. For approximate cost per semester visit www.umb.edu/admissions/tuition.

Internships
Our health policy internships are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills of working on the legislative side of the healthcare system. Many of our students pursue internships at the Massachusetts State House, working on selected legislation. Our population health internships are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills relevant to nursing research and population health. Settings include but are not limited to research institutions, community-based health organizations and departments of public health.

Faculty Research Projects
Our faculty are nationally and internationally recognized scholars and policy experts conducting research that guides and informs population health/health policy. Their work focuses on:
- healthcare delivery systems; quality, cost, and access to care;
- policy, implementation, and evaluation;
- health disparities and risk;
- prevention and symptom science in chronic conditions—such as HIV, HCV, obesity, cardiovascular disease, and cancer—in diverse populations across the lifespan.

This research is supported not only by federal funding from such agencies as The National Institutes of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Systems Administration (SAMHSA), but also by foundation and state funding sources such as the American Cancer Society, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
Admission Requirements
All applications require (6 easy steps):
1) a clear statement of purpose and goals linked to a selected focus of study (Population Health/Policy);
2) three sealed references from professionals who can attest to ability;
3) sealed transcripts of degrees earned from all colleges attended;
4) a copy of a practice license;
5) a copy of a professional certification (if applicable); and
6) a curriculum vitae/resume.

In addition to the general admission requirements, applicants to the PhD Program in Nursing will meet these specific criteria for admission:

- Bachelor's degree in Nursing from an accredited program (BS-to-PhD);
- Master's degree in Nursing or related field from an accredited program (MS-to-PhD);
- Current Massachusetts Registered Nurse license or eligibility for licensure in Massachusetts if planning to practice or teach in the US;
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test; GPA as well as GRE scores must demonstrate strong verbal, quantitative, and analytical potential;

International Students
In addition to the general admissions requirements, international students must take both the TOEFL exam and IELTS exam as well as meet the minimum score requirements. For additional information on the international student application process please refer to the “Special Instructions” section in your application.

Interview
Candidates are strongly encouraged to schedule an interview with the Program Director as part of the application process.

Application Deadline
Applications must be received no later than March 31st for Fall admission. Applications received after this date considered on a space-available basis. You may find the application online: www.umb.edu/admissions/graduate.

Checking on Application Status
The Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee will inform applicants of their admission to the program. Following admissions, students are advised to contact the program director to obtain advisement and a program of study.

Information Sessions
In the Fall each year, the university hosts a Graduate Studies Showcase tailored to prospective students. Sign up at www.umb.edu/gradshowcase to register for the event. Stop by our table to meet our faculty members and students, and discuss your fit with the program. Become inspired by the numerous opportunities to become a nurse researcher and scientist. Check our website for updates on program specific information sessions.

Join Us for an Event
Throughout the year, we hold a number of events that relate closely to nursing research and scholarship which include the following:
- Distinguished Weekly Scholarly Dialogue Lectures;
- Annual Research and Scholarship Day

Check our website calendar for event updates.

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Taking a course prior matriculation/Course Waiver
Students are eligible to transfer up to 6 credits toward their doctoral degree. Options are available receive credit for courses (waivers) with approval from the Program Director.