

Family-Centered Nursing Science Predoctoral Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Fran and Earl Ziegler OU College of Nursing PhD in Nursing Program is available to assist you Monday - Friday during normal business hours (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Central Time). Telephone 405-271-1491, ext 49176 or email Jenny-Droscher@ouhsc.edu.

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1. When should I start preparing my application?

START AS SOON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Do not underestimate the time it takes to properly prepare and complete the application process. All applicants are encouraged to start gathering necessary information as early as possible to avoid missing the deadline.

Things to do as soon as the call comes out:

- Update your Curriculum Vitae (CV) *{tip: download the required format from the PhD website}*
- Begin thinking about your professional development plan and research.
- Identify and contact three individuals who would write strong letters of recommendation; provide enough information about the PhD program and the Family Centered Nursing Science Predoctoral Scholars Program that they can speak to your qualifications for it.
- Work with OU College of Nursing PhD faculty to begin discussions regarding a faculty mentor, the clarity of the match between your goals and research interests and the faculty's program of research to participate in this program.

2. Who can help me with completing the scholarship application?

The OU College of Nursing PhD Program Office can respond to questions regarding the preparation of the PhD application and the Family-centered Nursing Science Predoctoral Scholarship application.

3. To whom do I address my professional letters?

Letters of reference in support of your PhD application should be included in your PhD application materials to the OUHSC.

The letter of commitment from your mentor, and the letter from your employing agency (if appropriate) should be addressed and mailed to the Director of the OU PhD in Nursing Program:

PhD Program Director
OU College of Nursing
1100 N. Stonewall Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

4. When is my application due?

The deadline for receiving applications is **April 1, by 5pm**. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete (this includes all references and professional letters). There will be no exceptions made. Incomplete and/or late applications will be ineligible for review.

5. How soon will I know the status of my application?

A response will be provided as soon as possible after the Selection Committee meets.

6. Is the Award taxable?

Each person's situation is different. You should work with a tax accountant regarding how to handle the award in your particular situation.

7. How does the letter of support from the mentor work?

After meeting with the PhD Program Director or the Associate Dean of Research, a mentor who matches the applicant's area of interest will be identified. The applicant will meet with the mentor and obtain a commitment from the mentor and a letter of support as part of the scholarship application. The mentor should mail a copy directly to the OU College of Nursing, PhD Program Director. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the person providing the reference completes it by the due date and an original copy is submitted to the OU College of Nursing, PhD Program Director.**

8. I am interested in a Predoctoral Scholarship. Which degree can I pursue?

This program is designed to support the preparation of academic family-centered nurse scientists. The Family-Centered Nursing Science Predoctoral Scholarship thus supports nurses enrolled in or accepted into the OU College of Nursing PhD degree program with a focus on family-centered research and preparation for an academic role in nursing. An example of a degree not supported is the Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP).