The PhD Program in the College of Nursing prepares students as nurse scientists and researchers, who inform best practices, explore perplexing patient problems, test strategies to increase patient safety and care quality, lead interdisciplinary teams to improve the health care system, and add to the profession's valuable body of knowledge.

**Learning Goal 1 for Students:** Possess knowledge of the history and philosophy of nursing science

**Learning Goal 2 for students:** Master in-depth knowledge in a substantive area including the relevant theoretical and empirical literatures

**Learning Goal 3 for students:** Conduct original, ethical, and culturally competent research

**Learning Goal 4 for students:** Collaborate effectively with other research disciplines and lead interdisciplinary research teams

**Learning Goal 5 for students:** Disseminate research findings to a wide variety of audiences including practitioners, policymakers, and the scientific community

**Learning Goal 6 for students:** Mentor future nurse clinicians, educators, and scientists