OVERVIEW
The Nursing Research MINOR is available to students pursuing education in advanced clinical specialty roles who want the opportunity to also obtain training pertinent to conduct and coordinate clinical research. Students should consult with their academic advisor. The curriculum focuses on research methodology and statistics. The Minor will enable graduates to apply their clinical and research skills in the following types of positions: clinical trial interventionists, research consultants, adverse events coordinators and research project managers.

The Post-Baccalaureate/Masters/DNP Nursing Research CERTIFICATE is a non-degree certificate for nurses with a Bachelor’s, Master’s or DNP degree or current graduate students who are seeking a focus on research. The certificate targets nurses interested in advancing their knowledge and skills as clinical research coordinators and quality assurance managers. The curriculum builds upon the students’ existing research knowledge and skills and enhances their expertise to conduct and coordinate clinical research studies following federal regulations and Good Clinical Practice (GCP). Graduates broaden their marketability in a variety of clinical research settings.

Graduates of the Nursing Research Minor or Post-Baccalaureate/Masters/DNP Nursing Research Certificate are eligible for National Certification as a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator by the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) after successful completion of the Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC) Certification Exam. (Note: clinical research coordinator experience is required for the exam).

CURRICULUM FORMAT
Nursing Research MINOR
- Onsite
- Part-time (~ 4 terms)
- 12 credits

Post-Baccalaureate/Masters/DNP Nursing Research CERTIFICATE
- Online*
- Part-time (~ 5 terms)
- 16 credits
- Fall, Spring and Summer Term Admission

*PittOnline (online.pitt.edu / 412-648-9499)
- View Virtual Open House
- 24/7 access to library, computing resources, and virtual tech support

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Nursing Research MINOR
Graduates of the Nursing Research MINOR are prepared to:
- Apply research principles to the management of clinical investigations
- Participate in the research process including the development of reviews of literature, research protocols, and human subjects protection protocols
- Participate in recruitment of research subjects, data collection, and dissemination of research findings
- Utilize computer technology and informatics as an integral component of a research program or project
- Articulate the role of the clinical researcher within the health professions and society
- Perform the role of nurse researcher within clinical research settings

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES: Nursing Research CERTIFICATE
Graduates of the Nursing Research CERTIFICATE are prepared to:
• Conduct and coordinate clinical studies sponsored by the federal government, industry, and foundations for phase I, II, and III studies of drugs, devices, and biologics as well as behavioral interventions across the lifespan
• Pursue employment as quality assurance managers, clinical research coordinators or monitors in Schools of the Health Sciences, Pharmaceutical Companies, Clinical Research Organizations, Institutional Review Boards, Education and Compliance Offices and other research settings
• Pursue a PhD as some courses may be applied toward the PhD curriculum

ADMISSION CRITERIA: Nursing Research CERTIFICATE
• Current RN license in U.S. state/territory or locale where student will complete practicum requirements
• ≥ 3.0 GPA in BSN, MSN, DNP or higher nursing degree from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program
• Official GRE scores (may be waived if GPA ≥ 3.5)
• Prerequisite statistics course
• Minimum of one year nursing experience recommended
• Pre-admission interview
• Complete online application: nursing.pitt.edu
• International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu & ois.pitt.edu

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