

25 years of PhDs

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing 1993-2018



1992

Katharyn A. May, DNSc, named chair of doctoral program planning committee

VUSN receives \$150,000 from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to start PhD in Nursing Science program

PhD program receives unanimous approval from Vanderbilt University Graduate School, Faculty Senate, Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt and Board of Trust



2006

Health Science Research & Clinical Research specialty tracks created

2007

Blended distance learning format combining block and intensive coursework introduced

2011

PhD candidate defends her dissertation via video conferencing – Lt. Col. Linda Fisher, on active duty with the Army Nurse Corps



1993

First class admitted – six students in inaugural class



1997

First graduate: Kuei-Ru Chou



First black PhD graduate: Rolanda Johnson, now VUSN assistant dean for diversity and inclusion

1998

2004

Fast Track option allows potential students to apply to MSN and PhD programs simultaneously



2018

As of May 11, 2018, program has graduated 61 PhDs

Fall student enrollment — 33