

## Requirements for Candidacy for DN Students: Three Components

1. **Successful completion of the following required courses normally by April 30<sup>th</sup> of Year 2 in the program.**
  - Students must successfully complete:
    - NUR 1301H Health Services & Education Leadership
    - NUR 1311 DN Seminar 1 (Introductory Seminar)
    - NUR 1302H Implementation Science in Health Care & Education
    - NUR 1312H DN Seminar 2 (Literature Review)
    - Residency 1
    - NUR 1313H DN Seminar 3 (Thesis Proposal)
    - NUR 1398H DN Internship 1
    - NUR 1303H Health Policy in Clinical Practice & Education
    - NUR 1399H DN Internship 2
    - One DN Elective Course
  - Students must attain a minimum average standing at the B+ level for courses. Failure to do so will normally result in the Faculty of Nursing making a recommendation to SGS for termination of registration.
2. **Successful completion of the Literature Review Paper:**
  - The literature review paper topic as well as type and format of the literature review paper are discussed and approved by the student and supervisor by the beginning of the Winter term of the first year and before commencing NUR1312 DN Seminar 2. The type of literature review undertaken by DN students is normally an integrative or narrative review.
  - The literature review paper should have clear relevance to the anticipated substantive topic of the student's doctoral research and must demonstrate evidence of critical analysis and synthesis of the available evidence related to the topic.
  - As with all thesis work, the student should submit drafts to their supervisor (and supervisory committee as deemed appropriate by supervisor), allowing sufficient time for review and provision of feedback.

- The literature review paper is submitted to the thesis supervisor by **April 30th** of the first year.
- The thesis supervisor and at least one additional thesis committee member provide written and verbal feedback on the submitted literature review paper to the student at a supervisory committee meeting, usually within 3 weeks of submission.
- Successful completion of the literature review paper is documented on the Record of Supervisory Committee Meetings and comments should reflect the committee members' appraisal of the paper. If the literature review paper is not approved at the April submission, the student will have an additional opportunity to revise and re-submit by **June 30th** of the first year, taking into account the feedback provided by the thesis committee members. Procedures for submission, review, and delivery of feedback for the re-submission proceed as for the April submission, with documentation of completion of the literature review paper and a progress rating reflective of the committee's appraisal of the thesis on the Record of Supervisory Committee Meetings.
- For the literature review to be considered a pass, both faculty members' assessments of the literature review must be at the pass level. If both assessments are considered pass, the student will receive a satisfactory rating at the supervisory committee meeting. If one or both assessments are rated unsatisfactory or not pass, then the student receives an unsatisfactory rating at the supervisory committee meeting. The outcome of the assessment must be recorded on the on the Record of DN Supervisory Committee Meetings.
- If the student does not successfully pass the literature review paper at the second attempt, the Faculty of Nursing will normally recommend to SGS that the student's registration in the DN program be terminated

### 3. **Successful defense of the Thesis Proposal:**

Students are normally expected to defend their thesis proposal by **January 31 of Year 2** of their program, resulting in a satisfactory or unsatisfactory progress rating on the Record of DN Supervisory Committee Meetings, with the completion date recorded.