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| **PhD Student Program Plan** |

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| Research Area: | Date of Entry: |
| Supervisor: | Program Requirement Deadline: |
| Supervisory Committee Members: | Program Completion Deadline: |
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| **Required Courses** | | **Credits** | **Term/Year** | **Grade** | **Timetable** |
| Knowledge Dev. In Nursing | NURS 600 | 3 |  |  | Fall year 1 |
| Advanced Inquiry | NURS 601 | 3 |  |  | Winter year 1 |
| Synthesizing Knowledge | NURS 609 | 3 |  |  | Fall year 1 |
| Knowledge Utilization | INT D 690 | 3 |  |  | Winter year 1 |
| Community of Inquiry I | NURS 696 | 1 |  |  | Fall year 1 |
| Community of Inquiry II | NURS 697 | 1 |  |  | Winter year 1 |
| Community of Inquiry III | NURS 698 | 1 |  |  | Fall year 2 |
| Dissertation Seminar | NURS 699 | 3 |  |  | Winter year 2 |

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| **Elective Courses (NURS or Other Faculties or Western Deans Agreement)** | | | | | |
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Please consult with Associate Dean Graduate Studies if you have questions regarding program planning.

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| **Program Requirements** | **Completion Date:** | **Typical Timeline** |
| Supervisory Committee Approval: |  | Within 12 months |
| GPS Ethics Requirement |  | Within 12 months |
| Coursework Completed: |  | Within 24 – 30 months |
| GPS Professional Development Requirement |  | Within 3 years |
| PhD Candidacy Exam: |  | Within 3 years |
| PhD Final Exam: |  | Within 4-6 years |

**Program planning notes:**

**Required Courses:**

* If you have received credit for a doctoral level course towards your MN degree, it cannot also be used for credit in your PhD program. If this course is a core required PhD course, you will need to replace the required credits with another PhD course (i.e. minimum 18 core course credits are required).
* If you have taken a graduate course as a special graduate student prior to admission, you need to complete a transfer credit request to transfer the course into your PhD program.

**Elective Courses:**

* Students typically take 2-4 elective courses.
* Students often take courses in research methods and/or in their substantive topic of their proposed research. Courses should be selected in consultation with the Supervisor.
* Electives can be Nursing courses or courses from another Faculty or University. This includes approved independent study courses (NURS 661) and courses through the Western Deans Agreement.

**Thesis Credits:**

* In order to maintain full-time status, students must be registered in at least 9 credits per fall/winter term. If you are not registered in 9 credits of coursework in any given term, thesis credits are added to obtain at least 9 credits.
* Students are able to register themselves in the on-campus sections of THES courses. If you live more than 80 km from campus, you may qualify to register in an off-campus section to avoid paying certain non-instructional fees. Please [contact GPS](https://universityofalberta.freshservice.com/support/catalog/items/226) to request registration in off-campus sections.
* PhD students will automatically be registered in THES 906 by GPS for spring and summer terms. If you take an additional course in the spring or summer, you will be assessed additional fees for the course.

**Program Progression:**

* The pass mark in any course taken while registered in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is a grade of C+.
* When a student’s term or cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 they may be placed on a remediation plan by the Faculty.
* When a student fails to progress in their program (including failure to advance the research project), they may be placed on a remediation plan by the Faculty.