

Policy M-2
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING

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TITLE: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – GRADUATE PROGRAM

POLICY: A student is granted the Master of Science in Nursing degree upon satisfactory completion of all nursing prerequisites, prescribed nursing and elective courses, and other university requirements with a cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0 or better. A grade of B (3.0) is required in all clinical courses.

Students must apply for graduation in the Graduation section of the Registrar's Office no later than the second week of classes in the term in which they seek to graduate.

Students must request a graduation check from the College of Nursing Graduate Program Academic Advisor at least two terms prior to the planned graduation date.

RATIONALE: Students are responsible for adherence to all policies related to actual and designed deadlines in the Academic Calendar published in the annual issues of the FSU Bulletin and the Directory of Classes each semester. These activities include pre-registration, registration, drop/add, and application for graduation.

PROCEDURE:

1. Thesis students must register for a minimum of 2 thesis hours each semester. IRB paperwork for approval must be submitted in the term of thesis prospectus defense. In the term in which the thesis is to be defended the students must register for 0 hour thesis defense. A minimum of 6 thesis hours is required for graduation.
2. Students in the non-thesis track must register and satisfactorily complete NGR 5911 Research Project (3-6SH) or a capstone course, NGR 5XXXX Evidence-based Practice: Appraisal and Application (3SH).
3. Students must complete the Nursing Graduate Program Exit Survey before the end of the term in which they graduate.

4. Students must request a graduation check from the College of Nursing Graduate Program Academic Advisor at least two terms prior to the planned graduation date.
5. Students must apply for graduation in the Graduation section of the Registrar's Office no later than the second week of classes in the term in which they seek to graduate.
6. The Graduate Program Academic Advisor will verify that all university requirements needed for graduation have been satisfied and that all nursing prerequisites, any prescribed nursing electives, and major theory course requirements have been met with a grade point average of 3.0 or greater. Additionally major clinical course requirements will be verified as met with a 3.0 or better grade in each course.

Approved by:	Management Team	3/03/04		
	Faculty	3/26/04	4/23/04	4/18/08
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