Faculty Advisor Role and Responsibilities

School of Nursing

Master of Nursing, Advanced Practice Nursing

Every MN graduate student will have a faculty member assigned by the Director, School of Nursing and Associate Director Graduate Education. MN Students completing course-based options (APL, NP, NUED) will be assigned a faculty advisor, with roles and responsibilities outlined below.

Students completing a thesis (NUHI, and by special arrangement APL, NP and NUED) are assigned a primary academic supervisor who oversees the thesis process with other faculty as committee members. Please refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Graduate Supervision Policy for specific responsibilities of academic supervisors.

Faculty advisors in course-based options will:

- advise and support each student towards engagement in scholarly activities, intellectual enhancement, and professional development.

- assist each student to plan a program of study that includes elective choices, if applicable, that reflect career plans and aspirations as an advanced practice nurse.

- Guide and work with student if issues of progression arise.

- ensure the Coordinator, Student Affairs and/or the graduate education support team are informed of student elective choices, Western Deans Agreements or Letters of Permission requests.

- establish communication expectations with assigned students whereby students initiate contact twice a year (September and May). It is an advisory obligation to stay informed of each student's scholarly activities and progress during the MN program.

- provide a progress report for assigned students at the May Graduate Education Committee meeting.