

**Policy S-4.03**  
**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**TITLE:** **DISSERTATION OPTIONS AND MINIMUM DISSERTATION CREDITS**

**PURPOSE:** To specify College of Nursing (CON)-specific requirements for PhD dissertations.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** A PhD candidate may choose to complete a traditional dissertation or a nontraditional, publication-based dissertation. With either option, the candidate shall register for NGR 7980 each semester in accordance with CON and Graduate School requirements.

**PARTIES RESPONSIBLE:** The PhD Program Director and graduate faculty are responsible for ensuring that the procedures for the qualifying exam are properly specified, reviewed yearly, updated as needed, and in compliance with applicable University policies.

**PARTIES IMPACTED:** PhD students, Supervisory committee members

**DEFINITIONS:** None

**SUPPORTING PROCEDURES & FORMS:** The College of Nursing procedures including the required number of dissertation credits can be found in the College of Nursing PhD student handbook. Other useful information is located at the UF Graduate School site [http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=11&navoid=2484#Requirements for Doctoral Degrees](http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=11&navoid=2484#Requirements_for_Doctoral_Degrees) <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/media/graduate-school/pdf-files/handbook.pdf>

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