

**BRANDON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES**

Subject: Thesis Advising Criteria **Date:** **August 18, 2022**

Program: Master of Psychiatric Nursing **Revised:** **August 18, 2022**

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Purpose:

Thesis advising is essential to the Master of Psychiatric Nursing Program. To maintain a robust and rigorous thesis-based program it is important to support students' research endeavours with faculty who are skilled and experienced. This policy outlines the required criteria for the role of thesis advising within the Master of Psychiatric Nursing Program.

Policy:

To Thesis Advise within the Master of Psychiatric Nursing Program an Academic member of the Faculty of Health Studies (FHS) must be an Associate or Full member in the Brandon University Faculty of Graduate Studies. An advisor from another Faculty within Brandon University may be considered when their expertise is deemed appropriate. Other criteria are as follows:

1. A record of having been a Principal Investigator of an REB approved research project(s);
2. A record of peer-reviewed research publications (first author of at least one publication);
3. Sufficient experience and knowledge of student's field of research for providing mentorship, or a willingness to acquire further knowledge and experience prior to agreeing to be thesis advisor;
4. Experience writing grant applications with subsequent funding attainment to support research activities;
5. A record of serving as a thesis committee member on, at minimum, one thesis committee within the Masters of Psychiatric Nursing program.
6. When a thesis advisor is from another Department at Brandon University, they will need to ensure that at least one of the committee members is a member of the Department of Psychiatric Nursing.