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**Guidelines for Doctoral Level Research Practicum
NUR 798**

I. General Information

- A. The Research Practicum is for the purpose of accomplishing NUR 798 as described on the course overview and the associated research competencies.
- B. NUR 798 may be contracted for 1-6 semester hours of credit. 30 contact hours are required per term per 1 semester credit hour.
- C. NUR 798 enrollment and activities are approved by the faculty mentor.
- D. Graduate students may not use NUR 798 for clinical activities and learning. Rather, students must contract for NUR 791 Independent Study in Clinical Nursing to engage in clinical learning activities in the regular clinical sequence in their practice area.

II. Student Responsibilities

- A. Contact the assigned faculty mentor to determine the activities and sponsorship for the Research Practicum, preferably one semester in advance of the term registration for the Research Practicum is planned.
- B. Develop a Research Practicum Contract (objectives, activities planned, and evaluation criteria) and submit to the faculty mentor and sponsor for review and approval. (See attached form).
- C. Following approval of faculty mentor and sponsor, submit the signed and completed contract to the Office of Student Affairs, Room 101B, SON to obtain the call number for sponsoring faculty and the appropriate credit hours. **Only after the contract is signed by the mentor and sponsoring faculty member and received in the Office of Student Affairs can the student obtain the call number to register for the course.**
- D. Complete activities outlined in the Research Practicum contract within the semester for which the student has registered.

III. Mentor/Sponsor Responsibilities

- A. Review the Research Practicum contract and determine its appropriateness for the proposed hours of credit.
- B. Assist the student in refining the contract.
- C. Monitor the contract and evaluate the achievement of objectives.
- D. Record the grade on the Grade Sheet in the Office of Student Affairs, Room 101B, SON.

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_____ Student Name	_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
_____ Mentor/Advisor	_____ Faculty Signature	_____ Date
_____ Sponsoring Faculty	_____ Faculty Signature	_____ Date
_____ Collaborator (if applicable)	_____ Contract Time Period	_____ Credit Hours Allocated

Statement of learning objectives; be specific and state them in behavioral terms (you may use an attachment to this form).

Activities planned for meeting objectives; be specific and state in measurable terms.

Name of Collaborators (if appropriate):

Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria for Grading:

Projected Schedule:

Projected Completion Date: _____

Grade/Comments: _____

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PhD Research Practicum (NUR 798) Competencies and Activities

The following activities are appropriate for the Research Practicum, NUR 798. The required activities (marked by an asterisk) must be accomplished by all PhD students admitted after Spring, 2001 during their research practica and prior to the Comprehensive Exam and Proposal Defense. The activities must first be negotiated and discussed with the assigned mentor/advisor although individual practica may be arranged with other faculty sponsors. The activities specified below may be accomplished independently or in collaboration with other doctoral students, other faculty or the mentor. A Research Practicum Contract must be developed and approved by the mentor/advisor and sponsor and submitted to the Office of Student Affairs in order for the student to obtain the call number to register for the practicum. Students should review the Guidelines for Doctoral Level Research Practicum and the attached NUR 798, Research Practicum Course Overview in addition to the competencies below.

Written Dissemination of Scientific Ideas

***Required activity – Submission of authored or co-authored manuscript.**

Suggested activities – Submission of abstracts for national/regional/local conferences, data reports, discussion of authorship issues, journal club, peer review for journal.

Oral Dissemination of Scientific Ideas

***Required activity – Presentation locally, regionally, or CNR**

Suggested activities – Poster presentation, journal club.

Award and Grant Proposals

***Required activity – Biosketch development.**

Suggested activities – Experience in completing portions of grant or award applications, design development, identifying funding opportunities, design and instrument development, applying for funds to attend seminars or research institutes, critiquing/editing grant applications.

Research Methods and Management Skills

***Required activity – Involvement in research either with faculty mentor or other researcher within the university.**

Suggested activities – Data collection, data entry, data management, peer review for journal, data analysis and reporting, instrument development, instrument selection, research project management activities, grant budgets, personnel management, quality control.

Professional Collaboration Skills

Suggested activities – Attendance at professional meetings and conferences, group projects, meeting/seeking consultation with scientific leaders.

Interdisciplinary Work

***Required activity – Attendance at interdisciplinary research meetings.**

Suggested activities – Identifying related UAB Center and CNR activities, submission of information to be included on Center mailing lists, collaborative laboratory work, assignments in interdisciplinary team projects.

National Academy of Science. (1997). Adviser, Teacher, Role Model, Friend. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press.