

Title	Graduate Program Completion Policy
Date	December 5, 2024
Applies to	Master of Nursing <i>MN- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (MN-PHCNP)</i> Graduate Diploma <i>Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner – Graduate Diploma Program (PHCNP)</i>

To maintain academic rigor and ensure that all Nurse Practitioner (NP) students are equipped with current knowledge and skills, all students enrolled in the NP Graduate program must complete all degree requirements within five (5) years of beginning their first NP course.

This policy aims to ensure that students acquire and maintain up-to-date competencies relevant to the Nurse Practitioner entry-to-practice competencies by completing their initial education within a specified timeframe. The rapidly changing healthcare environment necessitates timely completion to ensure competency in contemporary practice standards.

Policy Details:

1. **Program Completion Timeline:**
 - o All MN-PHCNP and NP-Diploma students are required to complete the Nurse Practitioner graduate program within five (5) years from the start of their first Nurse Practitioner (NP) core course (Roles & Responsibilities, Pathophysiology for the Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis I & II, or Therapeutics I & II).
 - o Students may be required to repeat or take additional courses, if NP entry-to-practice competencies change during their enrollment, even if they are on track to complete the program within five (5) years.
2. **Course Currency and Repetition Requirements:**
 - o Students who are unable to complete the program within the five-year timeframe will be required to:
 - **Repeat Courses:** Retake any courses taken more than five (5) years prior to their expected graduation date to ensure currency of knowledge and competencies.
 - **Withdraw from Program:** Alternatively, students who do not wish to repeat expired courses will be required to withdraw from the program.
3. **Communication and Monitoring:**
 - o The NP Faculty Lead along with the Graduate Program Office will monitor student progression and provide annual reminders regarding the completion deadlines.
4. **Appeals:**
 - o Students who are required to withdraw due to exceeding the five-year completion limit may appeal the decision in accordance with the institution's appeals process. Appeals must be submitted within thirty (30) days of receiving notification of withdrawal.

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