The Ph.D in Nursing prepares nurse scientists to understand and critically evaluate the state of the science in order to identify gaps and generate new knowledge that contributes to the advancement of the discipline. Preparation for a career as an independent researcher requires a strong academic foundation and socialization in the role of nurse scientist. The Ph.D in Nursing requirements incorporate didactic, professional, scholarly, methodologic and collaborative experiences that are designed to promote the achievement of program objectives. Students seeking the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the Graduate School as well as particular requirements set forth by the Nursing Department.

External Grant Funding
Ph.D. students will be required to develop and submit a nationally competitive grant to support their doctoral research. Application must be submitted no later than one year after advancement to candidacy. Students may not complete the dissertation and final examination if this requirement is not met.

Manuscript
Ph.D. students are required to submit an article for publication to a refereed journal. The manuscript must be submitted prior to approval of application for Notice of Dissertation Defense. Students may not complete the dissertation and final examination if this requirement is not met.

Presentation
Ph.D. students are required to present dissertation progress or results to a regional or national audience. Students may not complete the dissertation and final examination if this requirement is not met.

Intensive
Ph.D. students are required to attend all scheduled intensive experiences (maximum 2 per year). The intensive experience (3-5 days) will gather students and faculty for purposes of scholarship, networking and education. Students will be dismissed from the program for non-participation in > 1 intensive experience. Exceptions to this may be made under very unusual circumstances. In such cases, the student must have informed the PhD Director, prior to their absence from the Intensive, and have explained the extenuating circumstance and provided appropriate documentation. Decisions regarding these exceptions will be made by the Dean, in conjunction with the PhD Program Director.

Scholarly Development
Ph.D. student participation in scholarly development events is expected throughout the duration of enrollment. This includes research brown bags, visiting scholar presentations, dissertation defenses, and presentations by interviewing faculty applicants.

Comprehensive Examination
Ph.D. students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination prior to advancement to candidacy and approval of the dissertation proposal. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination must occur no later than the completion of the 6th year of matriculation.

Dissertation Seminar
Ph.D. students must be enrolled in dissertation seminar for a minimum of 3 semesters after advancement to candidacy. Students are encouraged to continue enrollment in dissertation seminar through the remainder of their matriculation until the time that dissertation and final examination is scheduled.
Dissertation and Final Examination
Ph.D. students will be required to complete a doctoral dissertation and a final examination administered according to the rules of the UND Graduate School.

Progression
Ph.D. students may not include courses on the program of study that are older than 7 years if not included as part of a completed degree. Students will be required to repeat courses that are older than 7 years. Revalidation of courses will not be allowed.