



Florida Atlantic University
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
Research Practicum Guidelines for PhD Students

Nursing PhD students are required to complete 90 hours of a supervised research practicum with faculty who are conducting research. The purpose of the practicum is to promote the research mission of the College and to develop student research skills through engagement with an active research project. Research practicum activities vary and may include any or all of the following aspects of the research process:

- assisting in literature reviews
- developing proposals
- recruiting and consenting participants
- collecting/generating/analyzing data
- developing presentations and papers disseminating research findings

The research practicum can start as early as the student's second semester of study in the first year of the PhD program. The process begins with the student identifying faculty whose research aligns with the student's area of interest. In addition, the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies will assist in matching students with faculty researchers, as needed. The research practicum will be monitored through Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies and the 90 hours must be completed prior to registration for NGR 7978, Doctoral Synthesis/Comprehensive Examination. Paid research assistant hours cannot be used for the 90 research hour requirement. Students may complete their practicum hours with one faculty member or several.

Process:

1. PhD students are responsible for identifying a faculty member with whom they can learn the research process and will work them on the mentor's research project. This mentor is often the student's faculty advisor.
2. Students and faculty mentors will meet to clearly define the objectives of the research practicum. The student is responsible for completing *Form A – PhD Research Practicum Objectives and Activities* and filing the form with Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies.
3. Students may change faculty research mentors by notifying the Office of Nursing Research and Scholarship and completing a new *Form A*.
4. Students will report their research activities and hours by maintaining *Form B - Research Practicum Activities Log* (or similar documentation). Faculty mentors must sign the form, indicating the research practicum objectives have been met. Completed forms are submitted to Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies at the conclusion of the research practicum.
5. At the conclusion of the practicum, students and faculty complete a *Research Practicum Evaluation* and return the forms to the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies.



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Form A - PhD Research Practicum Objectives and Activities

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Objectives for Research Practicum:

Planned Research Activities related to Mentor's Research Project:

Faculty Mentor: _____

Signature

Submit signed form to the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship, and PhD Studies (Room NU 215).



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Form C – PhD Research Practicum Student Evaluation

Name: _____

Date: _____

Faculty Research Mentor: _____

Date (month/year) Research Practicum began: _____

Date (month/year) Research Practicum ended: _____

	Very				Not at all
1. How satisfied were you with the research practicum experience?	4	3	2	1	0
2. How satisfied were you with the faculty/student collegial relationship?	4	3	2	1	0
3. How helpful was this learning experience as you prepare for dissertation?	4	3	2	1	0

What did you like most about the research practicum experience?

What did you like least about the research practicum experience?

What are your suggestions for improving the experience for other students?

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Form D – PhD Research Practicum Faculty Mentor Evaluation

Name: _____

Date: _____

PhD Student: _____

	Very			Not at all	
1. How satisfied were you with the research practicum?	4	3	2	1	0
2. How satisfied were you with the student's work ethic?	4	3	2	1	0
3. Did the student have the necessary skillset to properly assist you?	Yes			No	

If no, what skills did the student lack? _____

What did you like most about the research practicum experience?

What did you like least about the research practicum experience?

What are your suggestions for improving the experience for other mentors?

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