

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

POLICY # D-4

TITLE: PROFESSIONAL PROJECT AND COMMITTEE

POLICY: The graduate student and Academic Advisor/Committee Chair negotiate selection of the student's committee members with coordination through the Associate Dean for Graduate Education's office. The committee chair must hold a DNP, EdD, or PhD degree and be a faculty member in the College of Nursing (tenure track or tenured status not required for DNP committee chair - approved by Graduate Council, 2011).

Committee membership should reflect knowledge in project content area and methodology, if applicable. All College of Nursing faculty members are expected to participate on project committees regardless of whether they teach in the graduate program.

The Professional Project Proposal Approval Form (College of Nursing form) must be signed by the committee and on file in the Associate Dean's office before implementing a project.

MN degree (NRS 575) and DNP degree (NRS 675) Professional Projects must be submitted to The Graduate School for electronic posting (ETD) and archiving in the MSU library (higher standard for College of Nursing than for The Graduate School).

RATIONALE: The graduate program spans multiple campuses; therefore, central coordination of committee selection is necessary so that the college and graduate students benefit from the full range of faculty expertise.

Reviewed/Approved by:

Level I: GAAC (January, 2005); approved (February, 2013); re-approved (April, 2013); re-approved (October, 2017, April 2018)

Level II: Associate Dean for Graduate Education (February, 2005); approved (May, 2013); re-approved (October, 2017, April 2018)