

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
GRADUATE PROGRAM

TITLE OF POLICY: CREDITS TAKEN FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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POLICY: The course NUR 3010 is taken for dissertation credit. Each student must register for a minimum of 12 dissertation credits during their program of study.

- PROCEDURE:**
1. Students register for the course NUR 3010 when developing their dissertation.
 2. Students may register for additional credits of NUR 3010 until they have completed the dissertation.
 3. Students who have completed all credit requirements for the degree, including minimum dissertation requirements, and are working full time on their dissertation may register, with the permission of the Dean/designate, for the Full Time Dissertation Study Course, 0 credits.
 4. All NUR 3010 credits taken before the dissertation is completed shall be given an "I" grade.
 5. The term the dissertation is completed the committee chair submits change of grade cards to Student Services to change all "I" grades to "S" grades.
 6. If a student does not complete the dissertation, all previous NUR 3010 "I" grades shall be changed to the "N" grade.
 7. In extraordinary circumstances, a student may petition the Dean for an extension beyond the statute of limitation with the approval of the committee chair, the PhD Program Coordinator. See Policy No. 208, Statute of Limitations/Leave of Absence.

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