

Plan B Overview, Option 1 (Research Proposal)

The School of Nursing offers Plan B, Comprehensive Examination, to fulfill the requirements for the Master of Science Degree with a major in Nursing. Plan B is generally appropriate for most students.

1. To be eligible for Plan B, the student must have a Program of Study on file and have been advanced to candidacy.
2. A student will be eligible to enroll in Plan B during the final semester in which all graduate course work is completed.
3. All students intending to complete Plan B, will submit a Plan B intent form to the Graduate Advisor by the first Monday in November, for the Spring Comprehensive Exam, or by the first Monday in April, for the Fall Comprehensive Exam.
4. The Plan B student should register for a 3-unit N798 in the semester of the academic year of intended completion of Plan B. Add codes for N798 will be available in the School of Nursing office the first week of the semester.
5. Plan B shall consist of two parts: (1) a written research proposal and (2) an oral presentation and defense of the proposal. The student will be given a research problem related to his/her field of study and will develop a research proposal that is no longer than 15 typed pages excluding references, appendices and instruments as directed. The student should submit four copies of his/her work to the designated person by 4pm on the due date.
6. Written Research Proposal-The research proposal will be evaluated by three faculty in the Concentration/Specialization as appropriate. The submitted proposal will be considered as the final product. No revisions will be permitted after submission of the Plan B Proposal. The Plan B Chair will accept no research proposal after the due date without the prior approval of the Graduate Program Committee.

The student's work will be graded as SATISFACTORY or UNSATISFACTORY.

- If two of three readers grade the proposal as SATISFACTORY, the student may progress to the oral presentation and defense.
 - If two of three readers determine that the research proposal is UNSATISFACTORY, the student may not progress to the oral presentation and defense.
7. Oral Presentation and Defense-After receiving a SATISFACTORY grade on the written research proposal, a student will present his/her research proposal to the faculty and other interested parties. The student must be prepared to answer questions about the research proposal. After the oral defense is completed, the Concentration /Specialization faculty will decide by consensus if the student has successfully

defended the research proposal. An UNSATISFACTORY oral defense must be rescheduled within two weeks.

8. Satisfactory completion of Plan B must include a satisfactory written research proposal and a satisfactory oral presentation and defense. Both components must be completed within the same semester.
9. An unsatisfactory Comprehensive Exam will receive a grade of NC for N798. An unsatisfactory exam may be repeated only once in a subsequent semester. An intent form must be submitted within 2-weeks following notification of a failed exam.