

**BRANDON UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES**

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**Policy**

In addition to initial advising, the Master of Psychiatric Nursing (MPN) Program Coordinator will advise students about course selections until a thesis advisor has been approved. A thesis advisor is normally approved by the time an MPN program student has completed 9 credit hours of the MPN program. MPN students seeking a thesis advisor will initially consult with the MPN Program Coordinator for options regarding thesis advisement.

MPN program thesis advisors must first be approved by the MPN Program Steering Committee, after which they will assume responsibility for program planning and thesis development of their respective MPN student.

**Procedure**

Individuals considering applying to the MPN Program should contact the MPN Program Coordinator to develop a preliminary plan for their course of studies and to identify potential thesis advisors available at Brandon University. Thesis Advisors must have full or associate membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review online faculty profiles to identify potential thesis advisors. Applicants are also encouraged to contact the potential thesis advisors to discuss research interests and consider the fit between personal and faculty members' research interests.

Students are responsible for initiating and maintaining regular communication with their thesis advisor, for the purpose of program and thesis development, and for submission of the completed annual progress report due by June 1, each year.

Students are also responsible to be familiar with, and adhere to, Brandon University, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and MPN program policies and procedures.