

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

REVIEW SUMMARY FOR COLLEGE OF NURSING (GRADUATE PROGRAMS)

(1) REVIEW DETAILS

Unit Reviewed:	<i>College of Nursing (Graduate Programs)</i>
Programs Reviewed:	<i>Master of Nursing – Professional Practice (Course-based)</i> <i>Master of Nursing – Thesis</i> <i>Doctor of Philosophy – Non-Direct Entry</i>
Review Team Members:	<i>Marilyn Macdonald, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> Dalhousie University (Faculty of Health) <i>Donna Martin, Professor (External Reviewer)</i> University of Manitoba (Rady Faculty of Health Sciences) <i>Vicki Squires, Professor (Internal Reviewer)</i> University of Saskatchewan (College of Education)
Date and Type of Review:	<i>November 20-21, 2025 (On Site Review)</i>

(2) STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

The Review Team were provided with a facilities tour and also consulted with many stakeholders as part of the review, including having in-person meetings with the following personnel:

- Faculty
- Graduate students
- Administrative support staff (advancement, communications, development, engagement, finance, marketing, recruitment, research)
- Alumni
- Librarian
- College/school leadership (Nursing, School of Public Health, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
- Deputy Provost

(3) SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Review Team's External Review Report included a number of findings and observations for consideration. Recommendations were primarily in the areas of (sorted alphabetically):

- Academic and/or administrative policies and/or processes
- Course delivery, including standardization and/or options
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Faculty complement size and/or areas of focus (including establishment of chairs)

- Faculty professional development/training
- Faculty workload and/or areas of focus
- Indigenization of curriculum
- Promotion of interprofessional education and/or collaboration
- Research support, including funding and/or staff
- Strategic planning, reviews, and/or retreats
- Student and postdoctoral fellow recruitment
- Student enrolment review and capacity assessment
- Student feedback opportunities
- Student funding – establishment of internal support programs and support for external opportunities

(4) IMPLEMENTATION OF ENHANCEMENTS, MONITORING AND DATE OF NEXT REVIEW

The Dean is responsible for building an action plan and the implementation of any recommendations in the External Review Report which were supported and/or agreed with in terms of the response from the academic unit. The Dean is expected to provide a progress update to the Office of the Provost and VP Academic within 2 years of the completion of the review, which in this instance, is December 2027.

The next review of the college and its graduate programs will be initiated no later than the 2035/36 academic year.

(5) DISTRIBUTION

Updates on the status of this review, including implementation progress in the years following review completion, will be provided to Academic Programs Committee.

The Self-Study Report, External Review Report, and the Academic Unit Response, are all shared with the following stakeholders: College leader, Dean of College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Teaching Innovation and Strategic Initiatives, and the Deputy Provost.

Inquiries into further details about the process and outcomes of this review can be submitted to the [Assessment and Analytics Team](#) within the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic.