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All doctoral students will be advised by a nursing faculty member throughout the doctoral program. The student is assigned to an advisor upon admission to the program. The advisor continues with the student during the program of study as long as it is mutually agreeable with the student and advisor. The student's advisor provides academic advisement, and may also serve on the mentorship team, candidacy committee and dissertation committee. The student has the option to ask another eligible faculty member to assume the advisor role anytime during the program until the appointment of the dissertation committee. Upon the appointment of a dissertation committee, the chairperson of the dissertation committee becomes the faculty advisor for the remainder of the program. If a student changes advisors it is the student's responsibility to notify, in writing, the present advisor, the PhD Coordinator and the Student Affairs Office of the change.