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Policy Title: PhD Program Eligibility for Graduation

The following policy will be implemented with regard to graduation. To be eligible for graduation a PhD student must:

1. Complete a minimum of 66 credit hours with at least 34 credit hours completed at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Nursing or outreach campuses;
2. Earn a passing grade in the required, cognate, and elective courses;
3. Successfully complete candidacy exam requirements;
4. Be enrolled during the term of graduation.
5. File an “Application for Degree” prior to the deadline established each term;
6. Prior to the deadlines established each term, successfully complete dissertation requirements and send the title of the dissertation to the Student Affairs Office;
7. Successfully defend the dissertation and submit the final copy of the dissertation for archival according to the steps outlined in the Dissertation Manual;
8. Complete the “Notice of PhD Transfer Courses (Electives/Cognates)” form. Supply the School of Nursing with official transcripts of courses taken outside the School;
9. Pay required graduation fees;
10. Clear through all designated services on the clearance form