

Important Policy Information and Advice for Succeeding in Graduate Studies

Please read the following information carefully – it is vital to maintaining good standing in the program.

Tuition Costs for Full-time and Part-time Studies

Please note that the cost of the MScN degree is the same, whether it is completed full-time or part-time. For example, the minimum completion time for the course-based MScN degree is four (4) terms; thus, part-time students will be required to pay tuition fees for the equivalent of four (4) terms of full-time registration (i.e., 8 terms), even if the program is completed in fewer than eight (8) terms. The minimum time to complete the Thesis option program is five (5) terms full time or nine (9) terms part-time.

REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION STATUS*

* excerpted from Graduate Studies Calendar, Faculty Regulations, Regulation #13, available: <http://www.yorku.ca/grads/calendar/index.htm>

Students must maintain one of the categories of registration indicated in Regulations 13, 14, and 16, in each term until either graduate or withdrawal from the University...and they must pay the appropriate fee.

Students are expected to remain in the category of registration to which they are admitted unless a change of status is approved by the program director and the Dean. Students who are granted approval to change their status (full-time to part-time or part-time to full-time) for reasons affecting academic progress are then expected to remain in the new category of registration for a minimum of two terms.

Fitting Graduate Studies into your Life

While students in an online program can save the time that would be spent commuting to the university and attending classes, online courses are very reading and writing intensive, and thus, require a substantial amount of time. A conservative estimate is 2 - 3 hours per credit hour per week. So, for a 3-credit course, that is 6 - 9 hours of work per week. Note that NURS 5100, the foundations course, is a six-credit course, so the estimated time commitment would be 12-18 hours per week. It is quite possible that some learners will require more than this, depending on academic skills and ability to manage time.

Given the intensity of online studies, it is strongly recommended that full-time students do not attempt to work full-time. A number of students who have attempted to combine full-time studies with full-time work have had to drop the second course (NURS 5300 3.0) midway through the first term, and some have decided to withdraw from the program. **Hence, all students, but especially full-time students: Please carefully consider how you will balance work and studies before commencing the program!**