



Master's Exam Orientation



What is the Master's Exam?

- It's a qualifying exam that is required to obtain your MS(N)
- To fulfill this requirement, the Sinclair School of Nursing requires each student successfully complete a Master's Examination paper
- Type of paper – **Integrated Literature Review**
- The exam is **only** offered in the fall and spring semesters



Foundations for Master's Exam

- Nursing Theory
 - Research Methods
 - Evidence Based Practice
 - Clinical specialty areas
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- You must have less than seven hours of nursing graduate course hours remaining in semester exam is taken



Master's Examination Process

- Agenda and information sent electronically
- Applying to the exam
- Submitting your exam
- Grading period
- Official notification happens approximately eight weeks after submit deadline
- **Entire process is done electronically and correspondence is done through MU email**



Master's Exam Application Process

- An agenda (and myZou exam enrollment info, if needed) will be sent prior to the first day of each semester; this will be sent by TJ Bowling
- The application is reviewed to ensure readiness for the exam
- The application will then be sent from the advising office, **please follow the agenda guidelines**
- Each student is sent a number to be placed on his/her exam, this will make certain the exam is anonymous
- All information about submitting the exam is on the agenda. This is done under the supervision of the master's exam coordinator



Course Enrollment

- You must be enrolled in a required course or N8085 to take the exam
- Information will be sent with the ME Agenda regarding N8085 enrollment. *This is not to be confused with the exam application*
- IF you are enrolled in courses during the semester you are submitting, this does NOT pertain to you
- Any questions contact the SON Student Advising offices / 573-882-0277
- N8085 enrollment ensures access to MU campus facilities; libraries, email, success centers and other services



MS Exam Topics

- Choose topic that is meaningful to you
- Consider topic that you have written on in previous courses such as N8910 EBP
- Review topic with faculty advisor prior to beginning paper
 - Often need to narrow topic
 - Submit detailed outline to faculty advisor before writing



Writing Paper

- Choose 10-15 research articles on your topic to analyze
- Paper will be integrated review of literature chosen, not a discussion of article by article



Formatting the Paper

- This paper is a formal nursing paper that is not to exceed 30 pages not counting the References and Appendices.
- It should be a minimum of 20 pages of content not including the references.
- It should be typed and double-spaced in 12 point font with margins of 1 inch. You should use Times New Roman font.
- We require APA (6th ed.) published format.



Guidelines for Grading Exams

- See Section VI of the Sinclair School of Nursing Graduate Nursing Handbook
- We grade electronically – no printing
- The faculty have developed specific grading guidelines for the Masters Exam
- One guiding principle: Students are expected to explore the literature in depth



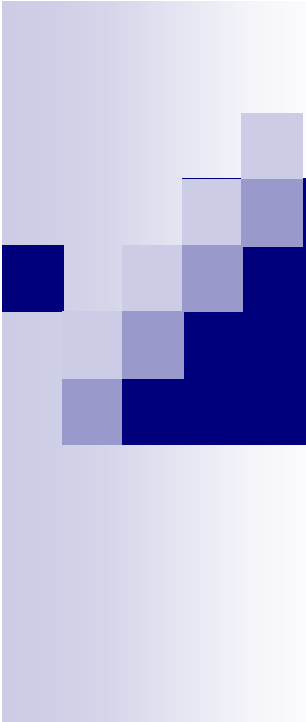
Comment Sheet

- Student number
- Positive comments
- Items are rated on a (0-10) scale for the following subheadings:
 - Introduction of Topic or Issue
 - Literature Review
 - Summary and conclusion
 - Writing style, format, grammar & coherence



Where can I get additional information about the Master's Exam?

- The Master of Science Handbook has information about the Master's Exam, please go to <http://nursing.missouri.edu/handbooks/msn-handbook.pdf> (Section VI)
- We have supplied example exams to review at <http://nursing.missouri.edu/academics/master-of-science/masters-exam.php>



Thank you! Please let us
know of any concerns or
questions