

Explanation Exhibit F_1

F. Student rights and responsibilities consistent with institution policy are available in written form, and students are notified where the policies may be found. No narrative is required

All policies are found in the MSN Graduate Handbook which is introduced and discussed with students during orientation. The MSN Graduate Handbook is located on both the SON webpage and also on the Nightingale Café, which is one the D2L Student Learning Platform. Announcement and all MSN Graduate Handbooks are published here as well.

This includes:

F.1 Opportunities for student involvement in development and implementation of midwifery program policies.

Student input is part of the overall quality improvement process and is detailed in the GC SON Educational Effectiveness Plan. Each cohort of BSN, MSN, and DNP students elect cohort representatives that are tasked with participating in Graduate Committee Meetings and Nursing Faculty Organization meetings. Cohort representatives are also invited to attend the SON Advisory Board meeting that met twice a year. Students are welcomed during all parts of the meetings except where confidential or sensitive student or faculty information is being discussed, this is to ensure appropriate compliance with privacy policies.

The BSN program has a Professional Practice Council that meets and also provides SON representation at the university student government level. This model has been difficult to replicate with the MSN and DNP students since these programs are fully on-line. The Director of the School of Nursing meets with the Professional Practice Council twice per year to present information and to receive students input related to policies and procedures. The Professional Practice Council minutes and reports are shared with the NFO each month. Each BSN Cohort is assigned a cohort advisor who also is available to meet with each cohort as needed.

The MSN and DNP programs have been asked to form a Professional Practice Council for graduate students that will meet online. The process that has been suggested to them is that cohort representatives make up the Professional Practice Council and provide a monthly report to the Graduate Nursing Committee and the NFO once a semester. The Assistant Director for Graduate Programs and the Program Coordinators will meet with the students once a semester. The Program Coordinators serve as cohort advisors for their specialty areas.