

## School of Nursing and Midwifery

### HONOURS AND MASTERS, PROJECT AND THESIS EXAMINATION POLICY

#### 1. Examination

- 1.1 All research is to be examined by one internal and one external examiner with knowledge and expertise in the area of research and/or research methodology. The examiners must provide both a grade and result for all research regardless of the degree to be awarded.
- 1.2 It is the supervisor's responsibility to complete a *Nomination of Project/Thesis Examiner form* on submission of student research to be examined. The supervisor must also contact both the examiners (internal and external) to ascertain their availability to examine the research.
- 1.3 In addition, the supervisor must also provide details of an experienced 3<sup>rd</sup> examiner on submission of the above form, though the supervisor is not required to contact this potential examiner.
- 1.4 The Chair of the Research Committee or nominee will contact this examiner, if a 3<sup>rd</sup> examiner is required.

#### 2. Awarding of Results

- 2.1 The higher mark of the two examiners reports will be awarded whereby the result is within the same grade (e.g. 70% & 76%).
- 2.2 Where the result extends across two grades e.g. 65% & 79%, the average of these two results will be awarded i.e. 72%.
- 2.3 Where the result extends across three grades, e.g. 65% & 85%, an experienced 3<sup>rd</sup> examiner, internal or external will be required. The 3<sup>rd</sup> examiners result will be the final result awarded. The Chair of the Research Committee, in consultation with the relevant Course Coordinator and Supervisor/s will consider this recommendation.
- 2.4 Where the result extends across a fail grade and a passing grade, a third experience examiner should be appointed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> examiners result will be the final result awarded.

#### 3. Notification of outcome of research examination

- 3.1 In order to process outcomes promptly, the Chair of the Research Committee or nominee will ratify the grade and mark for items 2.1 and 2.2 listed above.
- 3.2 Following a review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> examiners report, the Chair of the Research Committee, relevant Course Coordinator and one additional member of the Research Committee (other than the supervisor/s of the nominated research) will ratify the grade and mark for item 2.3 listed above.