

## **Research Residency – PhD Program**

### **UConn Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing**

The Research Residency is a required component of the PhD program, designed to support the development of research competencies through immersive, mentored experiences. Spanning approximately 150 hours, the residency is individualized to align with each student's research interests, dissertation focus, and stage of development. Students work closely with faculty mentor(s) to engage in meaningful research activities, with oversight and approval from the PhD Program Director. This flexible model ensures alignment with students' scholarly goals while promoting readiness for independent research. Graduate Research Assistantship hours may be counted towards meeting this requirement.

#### **Structure and Guidelines:**

- 150 hours of research engagement prior to Dissertation proposal
- Non-credit, required component of the PhD curriculum completed prior to Dissertation Proposal Defense
- Individualized plan developed between student and faculty major advisor and research mentors(s)
- Activities must align with research and dissertation goals

#### **Activities may include, but not limited to:**

- Participating in new/ongoing research studies
  - Participating in team meetings
  - Preparing and managing IRB applications
  - Assisting in study recruitment, data collection, subject recruitment, intervention implementation, data management, and data analysis
  - Manuscript, abstract and presentation development/publication
- Participation in grant development (e.g., literature review, grant writing)
- Contributing to manuscript, abstract and presentation development/publication (e.g., scoping, systematic, integrative reviews, etc.)
- Preparing NRSA or other pre-doctoral fellowship opportunity

#### **Proposal and Approval Process:**

- Students submit the Research Residency Evaluation Form
- Goals and activities are determined in collaboration with Major Advisor (and Research Mentor if applicable)

#### **Evaluation:**

- Students complete the evaluation portion of the Research Residency Evaluation Form at the end of each residency year
- Progress is assessed based on achievement of goals and participation in agreed-upon activities by the Major Advisor and Research Mentor(s)

