

School of Health and Social Care: Standard Milestones for Professional Doctorate Students

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis.	 Training Needs Analysis to be completed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	Term 1 for all students
	B: Choose/narrow down the research topic and demonstrate significance/impact of research.	Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area): Write central research problem/questions to be answered. Methodological considerations. Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage.	By Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 3 for full-time students; Term 6 for part-time students)
	D: Subject-specific milestones	 Present poster at HSC Annual Staff- Student Research Conference To complete all taught modules 	By end of academic year
M2: Progress from Year 2 to Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research project and complete the thesis.	 Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	By end of Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students
	B: Demonstrate work of	 Produce 3000 word 	By end of year



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	the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	report Report on research undertaken to date	Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	C: Review significance and impact of research and articulate output.	For example: Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	D: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	 Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 for full-time students; Term 12 for part-time students)
	E: Subject-specific milestones	 Present poster at the HSC Annual Staff- Student Research Conference To complete all taught modules 	By end of academic year
M3: During Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	 Training Needs Analysis reviewed 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	 Research completed (experimental, empirical and theoretical work, where relevant 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	C: Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission	 Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	By Supervisory Panel (Term 8 for full-time students; Term 18 for part-time students)
	D: Subject-specific milestones	 Present thesis research at the HSC Conference To complete all taught modules 	By end of academic year



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If required (for P/T	A: Clear evidence of	•	Timeline of work	
students only)	progress towards		needing to take place	Timeline agreed by
M4: During Completion	submission		before submission	Supervisory panel.
Period				