

Background to updated MScN Program Objectives;

During the 2013 Cyclical Review, the recommendation was made that with the revision of the School of Nursing (SoN) Philosophy (which was about to begin), the MScN Program Objectives should be edited to ensure they not only considered the renewed philosophy, but also reflected advanced practice nursing.

The renewal/revision of the SoN Philosophy/Vision/Mission was approved in 2020. This paved the way for the development of the updated Program Objectives & Outcomes for the MScN program. Extensive consultation within the Graduate Program Committee (GPC), guided by advice from the **Faculty of Health Educational/Curricular Development Specialist** occurred between September/2020 and April/2021. Final Graduate Program Committee approval occurred in May/2021.

These new objectives/outcomes, reflective of Advanced Practice Nursing, are mapped to the **Graduate Degree Level Expectations** as well as reflecting compatibility with the **Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Master's Nursing Educational Framework**. Previously we had only Program Objectives in our MScN program. The addition of Program Learning Outcomes reflects the trend in the university – and beyond- for this accountability expectation. Our documents now reflect the alignment of the MScN Program Objectives, Program Learning Outcomes, and the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program Learning Outcomes (it is important to note that our MScN- PHCNP students take NP-specific courses, in addition to the core MScN courses).

These updated Program Objectives/Program Learning Outcomes have subsequently received approval by the Faculty of Health Graduate Committee.