

School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences

Student Path – MScN Thesis Examination by Distance

As an exception to [Academic Regulation 7.11.2.1.3](#), students who are enrolled in the distance MScN & PhD program may choose to have their oral thesis defense scheduled remotely. The format will be similar to the one used for distance learning courses. The revised process and considerations for a remote thesis defence are outlined below.

### Setting up Remote defence

1. The thesis supervisor informs the administrative assistant for graduate programs at the School of Nursing that a remote defence is required. The cost of this service is covered by the School of Nursing.
2. The School of Nursing makes arrangements to hold a defence at a distance, which includes arranging for video conferencing (e.g., Microsoft Teams, Star Leaf from Adobe Connect, or Zoom).
3. The student arranges to have a quiet, private space with a good Internet connection available on the date and time of the defence.
4. The School of Nursing contacts the student to ensure that the equipment and venue are properly tested prior to the date of the defence.
5. The student sends the presentation to the Graduate programs administrator who will share it with the chair, supervisor, and examiners.
6. The School of Nursing sends all the information about the remote connection (telephone line) to the chair and to all participants.
7. On the day of the oral defence, there will be two rooms available. One for the oral defence with all attendees and a second room for a pre-meeting and post-meeting of the chair with the examiners and supervisor.

Note: verify with Supervisor and Student to ensure that the student has proper support before, during and after the thesis defence. (School).