Executive Summary

The 2013 PhD program evaluation report was generated from the following two surveys: (1) Scholarly Inquiry Scale (SIS), and (2) Post-General Examination Program Evaluation (PGE).

Response Rate

	SIS			PGE		
	S	R	%	S	R	%
2013	15	15	100	9	8	88.9
2012	11	7	63.6	10	8	80.0
2011	12	12	100	22	20	90.9

S: number of survey sent. R: number of survey returned %: response rate

1. **Scholarly Inquiry Scale (SIS)**
   - Total seven chair persons of supervisory committee rated their PhD student's competency in scholarly inquiry.

Findings

- PhD graduate's scholarly inquiry performance during the dissertation work
  - Overall mean = 4.75
    - 4.87 Meeting the goals or aims proposed for the dissertation
    - 4.73 Systematic review of literature was critical and comprehensive
    - 4.80 Evaluating and synthesizing the state of science
    - 4.93 Addressing ethical issues related to protection of human or animal subjects
    - 4.60 Synthesizing findings
    - 4.67 Identifying limitations in their own inquiry
    - 4.67 Interpreting findings in light of what is previously known
    - 4.80 Addressing plans for dissemination of the dissertation
    - 4.57 Evaluating and synthesizing the relevance and limitations to culturally diverse populations
    - 4.80 Oral presentation was well planned and organized
    - 4.73 Competency in responses to questions from the committee and audience
    - 4.80 The candidate was articulate, posed, and responsive during the final exam

2. **Post-General Examination Program Evaluation (PGE)**
   - Eight students completed the PGE survey from Spring 2012 to Winter 2013.
   - Response rate = 88.9% (8 of 9)

Findings

- PhD students ratings on core courses were (1 = very poor, 5 = very well):
  - NURS 588 Philosophy: M = 4.00, SD = 0.76
  - NURS 589 Theory: M = 4.63, SD = 0.52
  - NMETH 580 Methodology: M = 4.38, SD = 0.74
  - NURS 590 Human Health Ecology: M = 4.25, SD = 1.39
  - NMETH 579 Research Design and Methods: M = 4.83, SD = 0.41
  - NURS 592 Therapeutics: M = 3.38, SD = 1.69
  - NURS 595 Synthesis: M = 3.57, SD = 1.13
- Program preparation for mastering research in nursing science (1 = very poor, 5 = very well): M = 4.0, SD = 0.53
- Helpfulness of required courses (1 = not helpful at all, 4 = extremely helpful)
  - Graduate NURS courses (6cr): M = 3.38, SD = 0.74
  - Advanced Nursing Therapeutics (NURS 593/594): M = 3.40, SD = 0.55
  - Related fields (12cr): M = 4.0, SD = 0
- Competency in a variety of research methods: M = 4.13, SD = 0.64
- Competency in one type of research method: M = 4.50, SD = 0.53
- Helpfulness of supervisory committee (1 = not helpful at all, 4 = extremely helpful): M = 3.75, SD = 0.46