The School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences offers the possibility of completing a Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) at a distance. As an exception to Academic Regulation 7.11.2.1.3, students who choose to complete their MScN at a distance are allowed to defend their thesis remotely using a process similar to the one used for distance learning. The revised process and considerations for a remote thesis defence are outlined below.

**Setting up a 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 booking Adobe Connect, a videoconference room and connection services.

3. The School of Nursing contacts the student to ensure that the equipment and venue are properly tested prior to the date of the defence.

4. The student arranges to have a quiet, private space with a good Internet connection available on the date and time of the defence.

5. The School of Nursing sends all the information about the remote connection (Adobe and telephone line) to the chair and to all participants.

Note: The School must check with the thesis supervisor and the student to ensure that the student has the proper technical and emotional support before, during, and after the thesis defence.

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