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## PhD Student Advising At a Glance

### The Team:

- Faculty Advisor
- Committee Chair
- Academic Advisor, Office of Student and Academic Affairs (OSAA)
- Academic Success Coach, Office of Student and Academic Affairs (OSAA)
- Writing Coach, Office of Student and Academic Affairs (OSAA)





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## PhD Student Advising: Part I

### Faculty Advisors:

Students will be assigned a Faculty Advisor upon entrance to the program. Sometimes a student's Faculty Advisor and Committee Chair are the same person.

**Mentorship** from your Faculty Advisor and/or Chair of your Committee includes (but is not limited to):

- Crafting the Program Guide and Plan of Study (including the substantive area of interest and minor area of interest)
- Guidance on course content and expectations
- Supporting students with career objectives and advising on how the degree will expand professional options
- Assistance choosing a topic for the Dissertation
- The research and writing of the Dissertation
- Preparing for major milestones such as the Comprehensive Examination and the Final Oral Defense





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## PhD Student Advising: Part II

### Academic Advisor, Doctoral Programs:

**Ellie Mendoza, PhD**

PhD students also have an Academic Advisor in the Office of Student and Academic Affairs (OSAA). Your Academic Advisor is your main contact when it comes to following University, Graduate College, and College of Nursing policies and procedures.

In support of educational goals, the guidance provided by the Academic Advisor includes (but is not limited to):

- Deadlines, processes, and submission timelines for GradPath forms
- Requirements for major program milestones
- Working with students when adjustments to their graduation timeline are needed
- Connecting students with necessary resources to address academic and personal needs and goals





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## DNP Graduate Student Advising: Part III

### Academic Success Coach:

**Debora (Deb) Nesbitt**, MSN, APRN, PMHNP  
[nursing.arizona.edu/academic-success-coaching](https://nursing.arizona.edu/academic-success-coaching)

As the Academic Success Coach, Deb works with students to improve:

- study habits
- test-taking skills
- time management
- sleep hygiene
- healthy lifestyle habits
- stress reduction strategies

### Writing Coach:

**Leslie Dupont**, PhD  
[nursing.arizona.edu/writing-coaching](https://nursing.arizona.edu/writing-coaching)

As the Writing Coach, Les works with students (faculty and staff) with professional and academic writing that covers:

- Essays
- Articles
- Presentations
- Proposals
- DNP Projects
- PhD Dissertations