PPGENF-UFRGS AND THE ADVANCES
OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN NURSING

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The results of the last Capes triennial evaluation (2007-2009) point out an important advance of nursing in the scope of strictu sensu graduate programs. Following this, the Nursing Graduate Program of Rio Grande do Sul Federal University's Nursing School (PPGENF-UFRGS) celebrates its performance and the obtainment of grade 5 in this system of evaluation.

Having started to offer Master's degree in 1998 and Doctorate degree in 2006, PPGENF-UFRGS was the precursor in the state of Rio Grande do Sul and has been contributing with the enhancement of nursing graduate programs in the southern region of Brazil and with the training of new researchers - both contributions that gradually move beyond frontiers as graduated students occupy strategic professional spaces all over the country, something that reflects in teaching, research and assistance. So the Program stands out to accomplish the relevance and progressive social insertion required, aware of its compromise of seeking academic excellence that will turn into qualified practices in several professional fields.

The obtainment of grade 5 demonstrates a consolidated trajectory and, at this congratulatory moment, one must highlight former administrations that paved the way to success and the engagement of everyone that participates or has already participated of PPGENF-UFRGS - faculty members, students and technical-administrative staff. Moreover, one must acknowledge that effective and promising achievements result from the effort and dedication of each and everyone involved, particularly from the collective articulation of similarities and differences, both equally important attributes that need to be valued when one thinks of quality and intends to advance more and more in the construction of knowledge towards excellence.