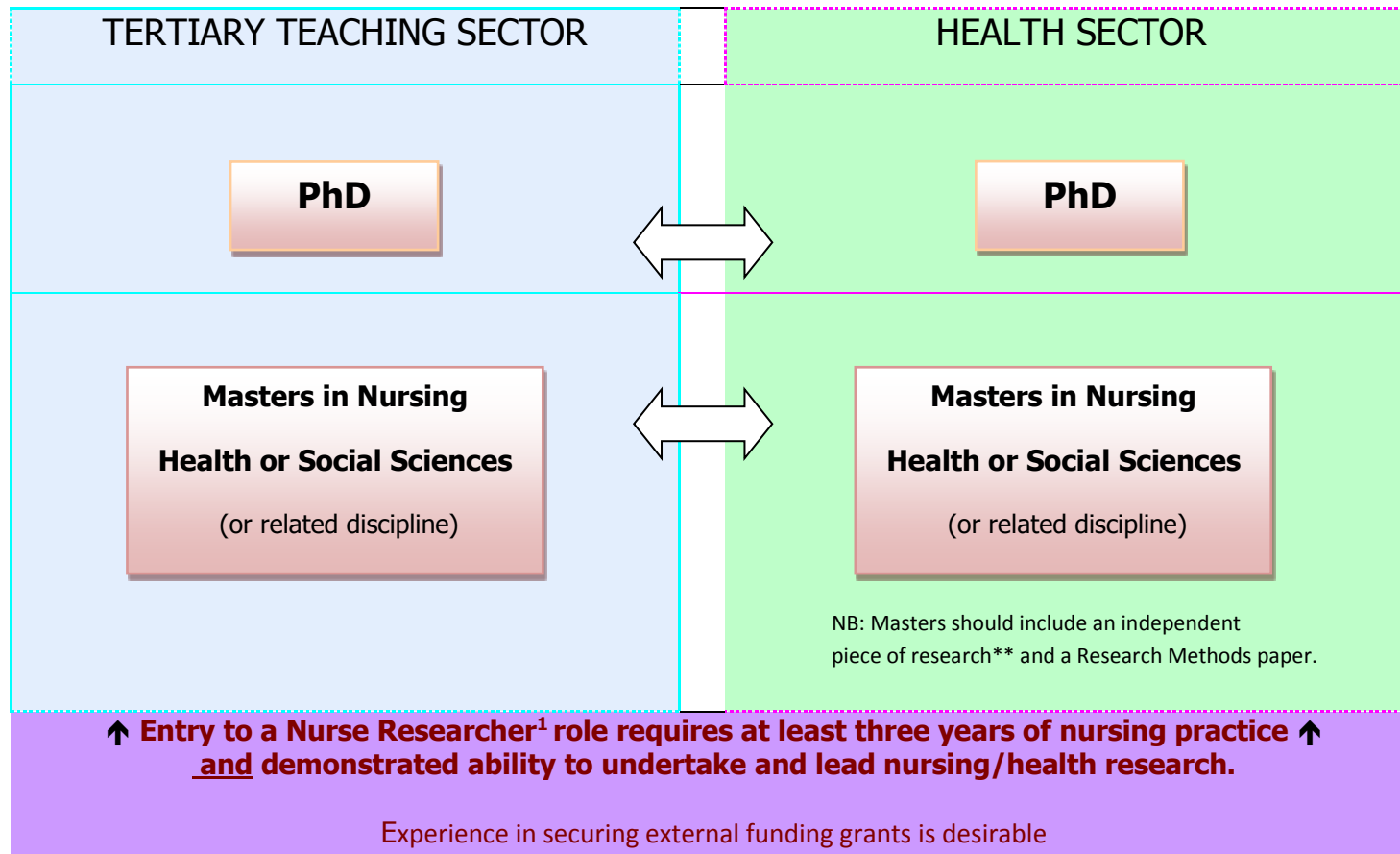


# DRAFT ONLY INDICATIVE PATHWAYS FOR RNs: Careers as Nurse Researchers

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\*\*Independent research at Masters level is normally a thesis but may be a dissertation e.g. if the nurse researcher has subsequently gone on to secure funding and lead research studies or projects

#### Definitional Notes:

- 1) **Nurse Researcher** “leads and undertakes research and development activity with a nursing or interdisciplinary approach, with a focus on individual or population health or health services research, using accepted research methodology, locally, regionally and/or nationally”. (Endorsed National Senior Nurses Titles, NZNO / DHBNZ 30 January 2007).
- 2) Other senior nurse roles may participate in and contribute to research projects, but do not usually lead research as a predominant part of their role.
- 3) The role of **Clinical Research Nurse** follows a different educational pathway (see ‘NZ Competency Framework for Clinical Research Nurses’, 2010).