

Counselor Education PhD

Knowledge Of Counseling Education Literature

Goal Description:

Current literature advised practice and research

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

PHD Candidates Will Demonstrate Knowledge Of The Literature

Learning Objective Description:

Candidates of the Counselor Education PHD program will demonstrate knowledge of current literature in the field of counseling to conduct their own independent research.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Quality Dissertation Guidelines for Proposal

Indicator Description:

Degree seeking candidates will present a quality dissertation proposal including the introduction, literature review, and methodology.

Criterion Description:

1. The proposal which is the first three chapters of the dissertation will be completed for the proposal meeting reflecting skills in research and literature review, methodology design, and scholarly writing.
2. All committee members must approve the proposal before the candidate can begin data collection.

Findings Description:

All candidates for the PhD degree as the first step in the writing the dissertation prepared an acceptable proposal consisting of the introduction, review of the literature, and methodology which comprises chapters 1-3.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Dissertation/Proposal Guidelines

Action Description:

Doctoral faculty will consider creating a dissertation checklist to provide guidelines for students to follow when researching and writing their dissertation.

Research Competency

Goal Description:

Candidates demonstrate research competency by original dissertation research.

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Demonstrate Competency In Research

Learning Objective Description:

Candidates of the Counseling Education PHD program will demonstrate competency in research by planning, implementing, analyzing, and writing a scholarly dissertation based on original research.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Successful Completion of the Dissertation

Indicator Description:

Student will write a quality dissertation demonstrating their knowledge of scholarly literature review, research methodology, and writing.

Criterion Description:

Dissertation committee members will evaluate degree candidate's proposal as a scholarly written proposed study. Degree candidates must present a completed final dissertation, approved by all committee members before graduation.

Findings Description:

While completed dissertations range in quality, all of the dissertations completed by doctoral students in 2016-2017 academic year meet quality standards as designed by the doctoral faculty in the Department of Counselor Education.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Successful completion of Dissertation for all students

Action Description:

While the majority of the doctoral students prepare a quality dissertation and earn the PhD degree two students in earlier cohorts risk failing to meet the eight year timeline for completion of the degree. Faculty chairing the dissertations of these two students will attempt to schedule bi-monthly meetings to ensure students have a plan in place to successfully complete their dissertation

Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

Two major initiatives will comprise the plan for continuous improvement. They are:

The department will seek additional faculty to serve as methodologist on dissertation committees. This should be a candidate with strong research skills to fill the vacant faculty position we will soon have available in our department.

Doctoral students will be required to read current literature concerning client cases to strengthen counseling practice skills. Students will demonstrate their skills during the advanced practicum course while counseling clients.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

The department hired an assistant professor who, while not experienced in teaching methodology, has outstanding skills and experience researching and performing statistical methodology to her personal research. It is expected that in the near future this new faculty member will move into a leadership role in teaching research and serving as a methodologist for doctoral students' dissertations.

Update doctoral degree plan of study

Closing Summary:

The doctoral director is proposing to update to the current study plan for the PhD degree. The doctoral faculty met this semester and have scheduled additional meetings to work together to revise the current degree as appropriate to meet the education needs of students more efficiently.