

International University for Graduate Studies

GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION FOR DOCTORAL MENTORS

There are two pathways for the Doctorate.

The first is the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

The second encompasses the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD), Doctor of Social Science (DSS) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Doctor of Social Work (DSW) and the Doctor of Education (EdD). It is suggested but not required that these candidates hire a mentor.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Those candidates seeking the Ph.D. must complete a dissertation. The purpose of the dissertation is to advance the candidate's professional goals and career objectives. The dissertation may consist of secondary or primary research. It may be in the traditional doctoral dissertation format or it may include such undertakings as a business plan to establish a mental health clinic, a script for a television show concerning psychotherapy, a book for general public consumption concerning parenting, or any project which may advance the student's career or enhance the knowledge within his/her field of study.

Mentors are compensated directly by the student. They are independent contractors and not employed by the University. Mentors after conferring with their student will submit a one or two-page summary describing the dissertation. The Director or Dean of the appropriate program must approve the summary.

There is a form to be signed by the mentor and the Director or Dean of the appropriate program and an additional form to be signed by the student and Director or Dean. These forms are to protect the student, the mentor, and International University for Graduate Studies.

The mentor will then help the student prepare a detailed outline including a bibliography and any other necessary materials. The bibliography with suggested modifications must be signed by the Director or Dean. The final dissertation upon completion will be presented to the Director or Dean for final approval.