

International University for Graduate Studies

GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION FOR MENTORS

Doctoral Degrees:

There are two pathways for a Doctoral Degree

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).

(1) The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Those candidates seeking the Doctor of Philosophy, PhD 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.

The doctoral candidate will present to the Dean approximately one hundred fifty pages of double-spaced research which includes a bibliography, charts, graphs, appendices or any material relevant to the research. After the research has been reviewed and accepted by the Dean, the research will be the basis for the questions to be asked at the oral examination.

(2) 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).

Those candidates seeking the Doctor of Social Science (DSS) Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Doctor of Social Work (DSW) and the Doctor of Education (EdD) will discuss with the Dean their areas of interest. Books, journals and other material will be reviewed. The dissertation or project will be preceded by a preliminary and final outline. The final outline will be the basis for the written project.

The project and the required oral examination are constructed to test the candidate's knowledge and competencies as a practitioner in his or her profession.

Master's Degrees

The Master of Science (MSc), Master of Public Health, (MPH) and Master of Health Care Administration (MHCA)

(MSc), Master of Public Health, (MPH) and Health Care Administration (MHCA). The master's candidates must complete Research I but are not required to have an oral defense. Master's candidates will present to the Dean approximately seventy-five double-spaced pages which include a bibliography, charts, graphs, appendices or any material relevant to the research. Master's candidates are not required to have an oral defense or do Research & Design II.

Mentors

Mentors are compensated directly by the student. They are independent contractors and not employed by the University. Mentors will provide a CV/Resume to the Dean of the Programme for approval as a suitable mentor for the student. Mentors, after conferring with their student, will submit a one or two-page summary describing the dissertation. The Dean or the Associate Dean of the appropriate program must approve the summary.

There is a form to be signed by the mentor and Dean or the Associate Dean of the appropriate programme. There is an additional form to be signed by the student and Dean or Associate 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 Dean or Associate Dean. The final dissertation, upon completion, will be presented to the Dean or Associate Dean for final approval.