

# Ph.D in Curriculum and Instruction

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## Annual Academic Assessment Report

### Results of analysis of assessment of Student Learning Outcome

During the 2020-2021 academic year, data were collected for Outcome #1-Curriculum Competency from completed Candidacy Examination Reports. We currently enroll 57 PhD students.

In 2020-2021, 8 out of 8 students successfully passed their doctoral candidacy exam.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, data were collected for Outcome #2-Research Competency from completed Research Proposals and Dissertation Defenses.

Assessment Artifact	Student Attempts	Students Passed	Passing %
Research Proposal	8	8	100%
Dissertation Defense	6	6	100%
Oral Defense	6	6	100%

### Any changes to degree/certificate planned or made on the basis of the assessment and analysis

Given the recent changes to the Ph.D. program during the 2018-2019 academic year, and the desire to allow those changes to fully take effect, this program is not currently the focus of revision efforts.

### Any changes to the assessment process made or planned.

None

## Academic Assessment Plan

### Program Goals

1. To prepare scholars who have the advanced knowledge and abilities to be educational leaders in the field of curriculum and instruction.
2. To prepare scholars who have the advanced knowledge and abilities to be expert researchers in the field of curriculum and instruction.
3. To prepare scholars who have specialized knowledge in their disciplinary areas within the field of curriculum and instruction.

## Student Learning Outcomes

1. Curriculum and Instruction Competency - Graduates must be able to create/analyze curriculum that adheres to best practices in education.
2. Research Competency - Graduates must successfully write and defend dissertation study specific to their area of study.

## Process for Assessing each Student Learning Outcome

1. Assessment occurs when students complete their candidacy exams and dissertation defenses. This varies based on student program, but the candidacy exam typically occurs during the final semester of coursework and the dissertation defense occurs during the final semester of study.
2. Learning Outcome #1 - Doctoral Candidacy Exam
  - In the final semester of coursework, students must successfully complete a candidacy exam. These exams are written and oral. Upon satisfactorily completing these examinations, students may be admitted to candidacy and may work toward completion of the remaining requirements for the degree. *Artifact: Candidacy Examination Report*
3. Learning Outcome #2 – Doctoral Dissertation
  - Research Proposal
    - Candidates will select a problem approved by their program advisor and prepare a written research proposal. Completion will be measured by a successful proposal defense. *Artifact: Doctoral Dissertation Title and Committee Report*
  - Dissertation Defense
    - Written- Candidates will prepare a written dissertation manuscript. Success will be measured by a successful dissertation defense.
    - Oral- Candidates will prepare and defend their dissertation during an oral examination. Completion will be measured by a successful dissertation defense. *Artifact: Record of Progress – Doctoral Program and Schedule of Study – Doctoral Program form*
4. Reporting of results
  - Reported at the conclusion of each Spring term in the Academic Program Annual Report