

# The Doctoral Journey in the School of CLAD

Early in your doctoral program:

- You are admitted to a doctoral program in CLAD. Congratulations!
- Do good work in your classes and get acquainted with the faculty in CLAD and your program.
- Identify your Committee Chair. Work with your Chair to identify Committee members
  - EdD programs in CLAD require a chair and 2 other committee members
- **File your Committee form**
- Work with your committee to develop your Program of Study
- **File your Program of Study form**
- Complete all (or nearly all) of your coursework
  - Dissertation Prospectus Writing is often completed after Preliminary Exam

## Preliminary Exam

- Work with your committee chair to arrange for your Preliminary / Comprehensive Exam
- Pre-Prospectus / Pre-Proposal may be part of your prelims
- Prelims are typically 3 questions that the student works on over a couple weeks
- Committee meeting to discuss / ask questions related to the prelims responses
- **File your Report of Preliminary Exam form**

## Pre-Prospectus / Pre-Proposal

- Broad strokes discussion of your proposed dissertation project
  - Short literature review
  - Discussion of your topic / problem
  - Purpose of your research and proposed research questions
  - Short discussion of proposed methods / methodology
- Feedback from committee members
- After pre-prospectus meeting, enroll in Dissertation Prospectus Writing course

## Prospectus / Proposal (First 3 chapters of your dissertation)

- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Methodology

## Dissertation

- Submit your IRB to begin collecting data after your committee approves Prospectus
- Collect your data and write your dissertation
- Share drafts of dissertation chapters with your committee chair
  
- When dissertation is complete, committee chair sends dissertation to committee members
- Schedule your dissertation defense and defend your dissertation (revisions may be needed)
- **File your Completion of Final Examination form**
- **File your Anticipated Date of Graduation form**
- **Pay Graduation fee**

**Commencement** – Congratulations Dr.!! Go out there and do good work!