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!