Contingent Relationships Across Program Tasks

1. Prerequisites to take the Qualifying Exam
   a. Good Standing (not on probation)
   b. Four semesters of doctoral training at ISU (or MS/MA + 2 semesters at ISU)
   c. Completion of all courses specified by the Area Requirement Plan
   d. Completion of MS Equivalency Review Form (if applicable)
   e. Completion of methodology courses of YR 1 & 2
   f. Thesis Prospectus prior to end of spring semester
   g. Select Qualifying Exam Option by end of spring semester

   Area requirements can be completed subsequent to the Qualifying Exam for those entering the Program with an MS/MA from another institution.

2. Admission to Candidacy for the Doctoral Degree
   a. MS Degree Conferred
   b. Qualifying Exam Passed

3. Propose the Dissertation
   a. Admission to Candidacy

4. Gain CTC Approval to Apply to Internships
   a. Admission to Candidacy
   b. Propose dissertation by October 15
   b. Successful review of Clinical Student Tracking forms by DCT, indicating all course work and practica can be completed prior to departure to internship
   c. CTC general considerations (e.g., viability of dissertation data collection progress/plan, professional readiness, remediation of specific deficits previously specified, etc.)
   d. DCT approves professional hours submitted on AAPI for verification process

5. Walk in May Graduation Ceremony
   a. Defend dissertation prior to finals week in spring semester
   b. Email from internship Training Director that “on track” to successful completion
   c. All requirements other than internship completed
   d. Name will appear on Graduation Brochure 1 year later (since degree not yet conferred)

6. Doctoral Degree Conferral in August
   a. Defend dissertation by July deadline (usually 4th Friday in July)
   b. Complete internship on or before 1st Friday in August

   Note – if degree cannot be conferred until December, Graduate Dean will submit letter to post-doc supervisor indicating all degree requirements met on date of dissertation defense.