

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.