

UNIVERSITY OF Nebraska Lincoln

Department of Educational Psychology
Graduate Student Handbook

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YOUR JOURNEY



**EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY**

Welcome to the Department of Educational Psychology! We are so pleased that you have chosen to pursue your graduate education with us. This handbook is designed to help you get acclimated to our department, college, and university. It is NOT comprehensive! You will need to work with your advisors, fellow graduate students, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the many supports that are available to you at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in order to co-create your graduate program. You will build your graduate school experience over time with the help of many mentors and colleagues. This handbook is to help you get started on your graduate education journey in the Department of Educational Psychology.

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The Department of Educational Psychology is one of the oldest departments of educational psychology in the nation. It is the home to five programs of graduate study: Counseling Psychology (APA accredited); Developmental and Learning Sciences (DLS); Institutional Research (IR); Quantitative, Qualitative and Psychometric Methods (QQPM); and School Psychology (APA accredited and NASP approved). In compliance with the American Psychological Association accreditation standards, additional program handbooks are available for students admitted to the Counseling and School Psychology programs. Students who graduate from the Department of Educational Psychology earn M.A., Ed.S., and Ph.D. degrees in *Educational Psychology*.

Affiliated Centers, Clinics, and Organizations

Bullying Research Network (BRNET). The Bullying Research Network (BRNET) is a national and international network of bullying prevention and intervention researchers. It is designed primarily for researchers with the goal of promoting and assisting international collaboration among bullying and peer victimization researchers. BRNET has sponsored annual Think Tanks, shares current research via Twitter, Facebook, and a monthly e-newsletter, and is affiliated with the *International Journal of Bullying Prevention*. BRNET consists of over 254 researchers and 100 affiliates from 25 different countries. Interested graduate students may join as an affiliate of BRNET. Website: <https://cehs.unl.edu/BRNET/>

Buros Center for Testing. The Buros Center for Testing, located in Teachers College Hall [(402) 472-6203], is an integral research center housed in the Department of Educational Psychology. The Center's mission is to improve the science and practice of testing and assessment through consultation and education. Oscar K. Buros published the first *Mental Measurements Yearbook* in 1938 and founded the Institute of Mental Measurements in 1939. After Oscar's death in 1978, his widow, Luella Gubrud Buros, continued her support of Oscar's long-standing goals of improved measurement and testing practices. Following a national search and offers from several prominent universities, Luella chose the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and transferred the institute's considerable testing archives to establish the Buros Institute of Mental Measurements in 1979. The addition of a second institute focused on psychometric consultation was made possible by another gift from Luella Buros and established the Buros Center for Testing in 1994. In 2011, the Center expanded again, this time by establishing a unit to promote assessment literacy. The Center presently comprises three complementary functions: test reviewing, psychometric consulting, and assessment literacy. To learn more, <https://buros.org>.

Test Reviews and Information

The test reviews and information unit publishes reference materials in print and electronic form that offer detailed descriptive information and critical reviews of commercially available tests. Major resources include the *Mental Measurements Yearbook* series, *Tests in Print* series, and *Pruebas Publicadas en Español*. Electronic access to these resources is available via EBSCO and Ovid.

Psychometric Consulting

Through its psychometric consulting unit, the Buros Center addresses evaluation and quality concerns within proprietary testing programs. The Buros Center provides expert professional services related to educational assessment, licensure, certification, admission, and employment testing.

Assessment Literacy

The Buros Center's assessment literacy unit offers research and teaching resources, on-demand videos, webinars, and workshops on a variety of topics related to fairness, validity, and technical aspects of testing. Assessment literacy offerings help to improve the ability of individuals to select and use tests more effectively and responsibly.

In addition to the above activities, the Buros Center owns and sponsors the scholarly journal, *Applied Measurement in Education*. The journal is dedicated to the application of educational and psychological measurement to the educational process.

Oscar K. Buros Library of Mental Measurements. Located in Room 21 of Teachers College Hall, the Oscar K. Buros Library of Mental Measurements is a special reference library containing publications of the Buros Institute/Center, and what is generally regarded as the world's largest collection of tests and testing materials. In addition to housing copies of more than 8,500 commercially available test published since the early 1900s, the library also contains a collection of books, journals, abstracts, reviews, and published information dedicated to the field of measurement. Its holdings include *The Oscar K. Buros Collection*, a selection of books from Oscar Buros's personal library. The late Luella Buros, an award-winning artist of national repute, also bequeathed numerous paintings and several sculptures, which are on display in the library and throughout the Buros Center.

Counseling and School Psychology Clinic (CSPC). The Department of Educational Psychology includes the Counseling and School Psychology Clinic, which is used extensively by our students during their clinical training in our two APA-approved programs. The Clinic, located in Teachers College Hall, includes individual and group treatment rooms, one-way glass observation rooms, a range of video equipment, standardized tests, evidence-based intervention materials, and a play therapy room for young children. A wide array of services are offered by student clinicians and licensed psychologists in the Clinic, including consultation, assessment, and therapy (for children and their families). All therapeutic services are provided under the direct supervision of licensed psychologists and advanced doctoral students. The clinic is managed by a Clinic Director and a Clinic Coordinator. Website: <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/clinic/>

Diversity and Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee (DEMAC). Formed in 1972, the *Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee* (EMAC) is a departmental-sponsored group comprised of ethnic minority, international, and majority students, staff, and faculty who share an interest in issues pertaining to diversity and multiculturalism. In 2014 EMAC was renamed "DEMAC" to more accurately reflect current issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Although DEMAC focuses on recruiting students of color for all the programs in our department, its primary function is to be a support network once students arrive on campus and begin their graduate studies in EDPS. Related activities include, but are not limited to, activism and advocacy, participation in the interview process, exploration of each other's cultural heritage, and joint research projects. American ethnic minority and international applicants who would like to have their admission materials reviewed by DEMAC should indicate so during the departmental application process. Website: <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/demac/>

DEMAC is an advocacy and support group for students from diverse backgrounds within the Department of Educational Psychology. The committee was formed over 30 years ago and is a respected voice within the department and the College of Education and Human Sciences. Membership is voluntary and open to students, faculty, and staff from the graduate programs in Educational Psychology. Students interested in multiculturalism and advocacy are encouraged to

join, regardless of their cultural background. The primary mission of DEMAC is to assist the department in carrying out its commitment to increasing the diversity in our graduate programs and on the faculty. DEMAC focuses on recruitment, retention, advocacy, and support, with bimonthly meetings for information sharing, mini-presentations on cultural issues, problem solving, and simple fun. DEMAC members frequently engage in social, political, and educational activities together.

Nebraska Evaluation and Research (NEAR) Center. The Nebraska Evaluation and Research (NEAR) Center, located in room 284 of Teacher's College Hall is a statistical consulting facility for students and faculty members of the Education and Human Sciences College. The NEAR Center was created to enhance statistical and research practice. Consultants at the center are available at no charge to give feedback and information concerning any phase of a research project, including instrument development, choice of statistical analysis, sampling procedures and size, and orientation to printouts. To maximize the benefit of the NEAR Center services, clients should prepare research questions in advance of their appointments, provide independent and dependent variable definitions, and have knowledge of the instruments/measures they plan to use in their research. The NEAR Center consultants do not teach statistics, design studies, or proofread manuscripts. Consultation services are free and provided by appointment only, and you can use the NEAR Center as often as you like for as many projects as you like. However, each client is limited to one consultation hour (50 minutes) per week. To book an appointment online: <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/near-center/>.

Nebraska Internship Consortium in Professional Psychology. The Nebraska Internship Consortium in Professional Psychology (NICPP) is comprised of seven cooperating agencies that together offer a broad range of professional experiences for qualified doctoral student in psychology. The mission of the NICPP is to provide psychology interns with intensive professional training experiences within the context of a scientist-practitioner model. NICPP specializes in training professional psychology with child, adolescent, college students, and family interests. The consortium sites are the Department of Health and Human Services of Nebraska, Boys Town, Catholic Social Services, Student Counseling Service at Creighton University, Counseling and Psychological Services at UNL, Munroe-Meyer Institute at UNMC, Nebraska Medicine Psychology Department, and Quality Living Institute and are located in the cities of Lincoln, Omaha, and Beatrice, Nebraska. The internship is one full year (12 months/2000 hours) in duration. NICPP is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The NICPP completed the APA re-accreditation process in 2016 and was granted full accreditation by APA for seven years. The next re-accreditation site visit will be held in 2023. NICPP accepts applications from APA-accredited school, counseling, and clinical psychology doctoral programs in the United States and Canada. The defining feature of the NICPP as a consortium is our commitment to comprehensive and coordinated experiences. Interns are admitted to NICPP and not to an individual agency; however, they are placed at an individual agency for the duration of the internship. Primary training experiences, responsibilities, and supervision are coordinated at individual sites, with oversight by the NICPP Board of Supervisors. Interns attend monthly seminars, have access to many professional development opportunities, and are supervised by an array of talented supervisors. Website: <https://cehs.unl.edu/nicpp/>

Nebraska Research Center for Children, Youth, Families, and Schools (CYFS). Closely associated with the Department of Educational Psychology is CYFS, an interdisciplinary research center advancing the scientific knowledge base related to children, youth, families, and schools. Its goal is to foster new basic and applied research in all areas related to children, youth, families and schools, including studies that investigate and promote the intellectual, socio-emotional, and behavioral adjustment of children and youth. CYFS promotes an interdisciplinary research climate comprised of more than 80 faculty affiliates from many departments and colleges, including faculty across University of Nebraska campuses. Website: <https://cyfs.unl.edu/>

Office of Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (OQMMR). The objectives of the OQMMR include: (1) promote the use of qualitative and mixed methods research, (2) provide expertise for funded projects that focus on research; and (3) offer support for faculty and graduate students in the College of Education and Human Sciences who are designing and conducting qualitative and mixed methods studies. The OQMMR provides the following services: (1) consulting on qualitative and mixed methods designs for UNL faculty and graduate students, (2) reviewing proposals for external funding that include qualitative and mixed methods components, (3) consulting for funded research projects, including performing qualitative data analysis, using qualitative software, etc. and (4) assisting with technical writing of scholarly manuscripts for conference presentations and publication.

<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/oqmmr/>

College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS)

The Department of Educational Psychology is one of seven departments housed within the College of Education and Human Sciences, which also includes the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education; the Department of Educational Administration; the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders; the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences; and the Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design. Website: <https://cehs.unl.edu/>

Office of Graduate Studies

The Office of Graduate Studies is the central administration office that directly oversees all graduate programs in the university. Graduate Studies plays two primary roles: (a) student advising services and (b) the establishment of standards and procedures related to fulfilling thesis and dissertation requirements. The website for Graduate Studies is <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/home>. Degree requirements for both the masters and doctoral degrees are clearly described on the Graduate Studies website (<https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/program-steps>)

Thesis and dissertation guidelines are detailed available in the Guidebook for Preparing Thesis or Dissertation (<https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/degrees/guidelines>). Becoming familiar with Graduate Studies and its services provides a framework within which students can systematically

progress toward their degree requirements at UNL. The Graduate Studies policies can be found at <https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/graduate/>

Course Registration Procedures

The Schedule of Classes is published online every semester by the Office of the University Registrar. MyRED is the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's online registration system, and this is where you can see the courses offered each term. This system allows you to register for classes, drop and add courses, see a listing of your current classes, and change grading options. MyRED is accessed at <https://myred.nebraska.edu>. Thorough instructions on the use of the MyRED can be found through the UNL Registrar website: https://www.unl.edu/about_myred/

What is MyRed? MyRED is an enrollment webservices portal for students and staff. Faculty and Staff's access to the Student Information System will be through MyRED. Students can access MyRED using their NUID and TrueYou password.

When I access MyRED, how do I get my NU ID and password? You must claim your account in TrueYou before you can sign into MyRED.

What is TrueYou? TrueYou is a system that helps you maintain a single password and NU ID across many systems at many institutions in Nebraska. Participating institutions include: UNL, UNK, UNO, UNMC, Chadron State College, Peru State College, and Wayne State College.
<https://trueyou.nebraska.edu/SelfService/>

What is CARS? Course Access Request System (CARS) is an online request system intended to provide current students with permission numbers for EDPS classes.

How do you access CARS? You can access CARS by going to the Educational Psychology Department webpage under the student resources tab and select Course Access Request System (CARS) and this will take you to our CARS webpage. <https://cehsvl01.unl.edu/edps/codes/grad.php>

Steps to request a permission code via CARS.

To request a permission code you will need to log in to our new Course Access Request System (CARS). <https://cehsvl01.unl.edu/edps/codes/grad.php>

1. Your login will be the same credentials that you use for logging into Canvas.
2. You must complete a separate request for each course that requires a code.
3. When you click 'Submit Request' the instructor you chose will receive your permission code request.
4. The response you receive will be from: CARS Response and the Subject will be the instructor has responded to your permission code request.

If you are granted a permission code for EDPS 995 the course number you will need to search will be in your CARS Response e-mail.

Please Note:

- Check and double check that you selected the correct instructor for the course you chose.
- Receiving a response is dependent on the instructor taking action on the request. Please be patient.
- Be sure to also check your spam, clutter and/or junk folders for the response e-mail.

Pre-requisite Message and Overrides

If you do not meet the pre-requisite for the course, please follow the steps below.

1. Request an email from the instructor for the course you are trying to register for. Please cc' Edith and include your NU ID in this email.
2. Once Edith has received the approval email from the instructor, she will contact the office of Graduate Studies to override the pre-requisite and then register you for the course.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Edith Reza-Martinez (erezamartinez2@unl.edu).

The Office of the University Registrar is open during fall and spring semesters Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST). The UNL Graduate Bulletin is a helpful reference for planning your schedule, as it contains detailed information about the University, as well as course descriptions. <https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/>

Registration Information

To register for classes, you will need to login to the MyRed Portal. You can find “Registration Tutorials” through the Office of the University Registrar’s website (<https://registrar.unl.edu/student/registration/tutorials/>). Here you will find step by step pictures on how to register.

On the right hand side of the page, <https://registrar.unl.edu/student/registration/tutorials/>, you will find the “Registration Tips and Techniques” tab that has important information and instructions to assist you with registration.

Another important tab to save is the “Academic Calendar” tab, which includes important dates for enrollment, deadlines, withdrawals, final exams, commencement, etc.

Reference Guide to some Helpful UNL Offices

The following is a list of the addresses, phone numbers, and websites of relevant University offices. In the U.S. and Canada, all offices below can be reached by calling UNI.’s toll-free number [(800) 742-8800] and asking for the specific department. Most UNL offices are open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CST), Monday through Friday. All written correspondence should be addressed to the appropriate person and department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588.

Educational Psychology Department: Department of Educational Psychology, 114 Teachers College Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 68588-0345; (402) 472-2223

Graduate Studies: 101 Seaton Hall, P.O. Box 880619

Admissions: (402) 472-2878

General Information: (402) 472-2875

Office of the Registrar: 107 Canfield Administration Building, P.O. Box 880416; (402) 4723635

Summer Sessions: 208 Canfield Administration Building; (402) 472-3567

Scholarships & Financial Aid: 17 Canfield Administration Building, P.O. Box 880411; (402) 472-2030

Housing Information—Both on and off campus: UH, 530 N. 17th Street, Lincoln, NE 685880-622; (402) 472-3561

International Student & Scholar Office: 1100 Seaton Hall, Suite 201; (402) 472-0324

Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center (Housed in OASIS): 1505 S Street, Lincoln, NE 68508; (402) 472-5500

Institutional Equity and Compliance: 128 Canfield Administration Building, Lincoln, NE 68588-0437; (402) 472-3417

Women's Center: 340 Nebraska Union; (402) 472-2597

LGBTQA+ Center: 346 Nebraska Union; (402) 472-1652

Services for Student with Disabilities: 117 Louise Pound Hall, P.O. Box 880335; (402) 472-3787 or (402) 472-3730 (SSD Testing Center)

UNL Children's Center: 2225 W St, Lincoln, NE 68588; (402) 472-2009

University Health Center: 550 N 19th St, P.O. Box 880618, Lincoln, NE 68588; (402) 472-5000

Counseling and Psychological Services: 550 N 19th St, Suite 223, Lincoln, NE 68588; (402) 472-7450 (24 hours)

Student Legal Services: 335 Nebraska Union; (402) 472-3350

Residency Procedures

Any nonresident student who wishes to establish residency for the purpose of paying in-state tuition must meet the requirements included in the residency policy voted on and approved by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents on April 30th, 1994. Establishing residency requires 12

months residency in the state and demonstrating that you did not move to Nebraska for the sole purpose of attending an institution of higher education. Keep in mind that graduate assistantships come with tuition remission for up to 12 credit hours per semester, regardless of residency status. Additionally, some assistantships also provide up to 12 hours of tuition remission during the summer sessions. Residency application forms and additional information is available in the Office of Admissions, 106 Canfield Administration Building. Office hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 12noon on Saturday. Weekday summer hours are 7:30am to 4:30pm.

University of Nebraska – Lincoln and Surrounding Community

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is the largest and most comprehensive of four University of Nebraska campuses. We are the first university west of the Mississippi to formally establish a graduate college and the primary site for graduate education in the state of Nebraska. UNL offers over 150 undergraduate majors and nearly 120 graduate programs. Including some 25,000 students, the UNL campus is located in Lincoln, Nebraska's state capitol and home to approximately 286,000 residents. Lincoln is a friendly, tree-lined Midwestern city with exceptional cultural and recreational facilities such as the Lied Center for Performing Arts, the Sheldon Art Gallery, Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Haymarket District, and over 90 miles of hike and bike trails. Selected as an All-American City, Lincoln provides a supportive and enjoyable environment for maintaining an integrated work-life balance.

Our Graduate Students

We have a great student body. Our students come from across the United States and globally. African-American, Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx-American, American Indian, Pacific Islander, and Asian-American cultures are members of our Educational Psychology community.

Advising. Students are assigned a temporary advisor when they are admitted into their programs. We attempt to match student admissions to faculty research interests. The temporary advisor gives students immediate help in choosing courses and planning their first year in their program. Students are free to choose another advisor at any time. Doctoral students are required to take three credits of doctoral seminar to graduate, and these three credits are taken with their doctoral advisor.

We try to limit advisors to about 8 doctoral students and 12 masters or Educational Specialist students. These numbers may vary depending on faculty resources and graduation dates of students. No limit is placed on the number of supervisory committees upon which faculty can serve. There is a great range in this activity with some faculty serving on dozens of committees because of their special areas of expertise.

Retention. Each program evaluates each student every year and makes a determination regarding satisfactory progress in their graduate program. Programs have some latitude in operationalizing this

designation, but all programs in Educational Psychology require the student be actively registered for courses (or have asked for and received a leave) and receive a B or better grade for all courses.

Students who are not making satisfactory progress must meet with their advisors and construct a plan for successfully re-mediating weaknesses. If this plan is unsuccessful, there is a process for Probation and Dismissal (see Appendix D) that guides our due process procedures.

Financial support. Every attempt is made to provide financial support to all full-time doctoral students. Many of the student stipends allow for tuition remission.

Students are supported through a combination of teaching and research assistantships. The teaching assistantships are administered through the department, as are some of the research assistantships. Other possibilities for support are through the NEAR Center, the Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools, the Counseling and School Psychology Clinic, and the Buros Center for Testing.

Typically, research assistantships and teaching assistantships range from 13 to 20 hours of work per week. In addition, student compensation often includes 12 hours tuition remission for each semester plus health benefits. Some students are awarded fellowships from the Office of Graduate Studies. It is your responsibility to pursue financial support for your graduate education.

Career placement. Students graduating from our department are employed in various professional settings and positions, both locally, nationally, and internationally. Career development is both formal and informal, and is maintained through relationships with faculty members, advisors, and mentors throughout the department, college, and university. Professional development opportunities are provided free-of-charge for UNL graduate students through the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD): www.facultydiversity.org.

Rights and Responsibilities of Students

The Department of Educational Psychology adheres to all UNL policies regarding the rights and responsibilities of graduate students. These include the following statements from the UNL Graduate Studies Bulletin (<https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/rights-and-responsibilities>):

- Graduate Student Bill of Rights
- Student Code of Conduct
- Responsible Conduct of Research
- Guidelines for Good Practice
- Mentoring Guidebook

Students are also referred to the Principles of Academic Freedom adopted by the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska (available on the ASUN website at <https://asun.unl.edu/>). Students working in professional contexts with children, teachers, clients, or other individuals are expected to act in accord with the Ethical Principles of the American Psychological Association (available at www.apa.org/ethics) and may be evaluated on their adherence to these principles.

Academic Dishonesty

The maintenance of academic honesty and integrity is a vital concern of the University community. Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty shall be subject to both academic and disciplinary sanctions. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Cheating: Copying or attempting to copy from an academic test or examination of another student; using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices for an academic test, examination, or exercise; engaging or attempting to engage the assistance of another individual in misrepresenting the academic performance of a student; or communicating information in an unauthorized manner to another person for an academic test, examination, or exercise.
2. Fabrication or Falsification: Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in any academic exercise, work, speech, test, or examination. Falsification is the alteration of information, while fabrication is the invention or counterfeiting of information.
3. Plagiarism: Presenting the *work* of another as one's own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source) and submitting examinations, theses, reports, speeches, drawings, laboratory notes or other academic work in whole or in part as one's own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person. If you have any doubt as to whether you should cite a source, then cite the source. Simply changing of one or more words so that you do not have exact quote of the other person's work is still plagiarism.
4. Abuse of Academic Materials: Destroying, defacing, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource material.
5. Complicity in Academic Dishonesty: Helping or attempting to help another student to commit an act of academic dishonesty.
6. Falsifying Grade Reports: Changing or destroying grades, scores, or markings on an examination or in an instructor's records.
7. Misrepresentation to Avoid Academic Work: Misrepresentation by fabricating an otherwise justifiable excuse such as illness, injury, accident, etc., in order to avoid or delay timely submission of academic work or to avoid or delay the taking of a test or examination.
8. Other: Academic units and members of the faculty may prescribe and give students prior notice of additional standards of conduct for academic honesty in a particular course, and violation of any such standard of conduct shall constitute misconduct under this Code of Conduct and the University Disciplinary Procedures.

Grievance Procedures

The Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education and Human Sciences follows grievance procedures outlined by CEHS and the Office of Graduate Studies. (<https://cehs.unl.edu/edad/grievance-procedures-0/>).

Students are entitled to a process where they can contest a decision made about a grade, an issue with a faculty member, or a departmental decision that they believe negatively impacts their progress toward their degree. It is a student's professional responsibility to follow the grievance procedure steps delineated below:

1. The student should seek to determine if the issue can be resolved with the faculty member involved.
2. If unresolved with the faculty member, the formal steps of the grievance procedure should be followed:
 - a. The student must inform the Graduate Chair and the Department Chair of their wish to appeal a decision.
 - b. The appeal should be done in writing and orally. Then the Department and Graduate Chairs will form a grievance committee of three departmental faculty members to gather information about the grievance and submit a report and recommendation to the departmental faculty.
 - c. The departmental faculty will consider the recommendation and make a judgment about the merit of the student's appeal.
 - d. Unless there are unusual circumstances, the graduate committee will make a decision about the grievance within four weeks of receiving the recommendation.

Specific procedures and policies for the appeals processes for graduate students can be found in the Graduate Catalog: <https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/>

1. Appeal procedure for grades: <https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/policies/appeal-procedure-grades/>
2. General appeal procedures for Academic Matters Concerning Graduate Students, and
3. Guidelines for probation and termination of graduate students:
<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/graduate/degrees/guidelines-for-academic-actions/>

Financial Assistance

Loans and Need-Based Application Process

Students seeking loans for university expenses should inquire at the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 102 Canfield Administration Building, (402) 472-2030. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid does not participate in the granting of fellowships or assistantships but does maintain current information on other forms of financial support available to students. To apply for federal loan programs or the college work-study program, submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form after January 1. FAFSA forms need to be resubmitted every year after January 1 to ensure that the information reported remains current. Additional information on financial aid can be found in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Financial Aid Guide available from the Scholarship & Financial Aid Office.

University of Nebraska

Several fellowships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students of the University of Nebraska. To be eligible a student must be admitted to a program with a specific degree objective. A student holding a fellowship must be a full-time student during the period of the appointment. Most fellowships include a stipend and tuition remission. A completed Application for Graduate Fellowships form is required to be considered for fellowships. Based on the ranking by the Graduate Fellowship Committee and the information on the application, awards will be made to the top-ranked students. Application forms can be obtained from the Admissions Coordinator within the department or from the Office of Graduate Studies. International students must have completed one year of study at a U.S. institution of higher education to be eligible for any fellowship. A personal letter of intent submitted with the completed fellowship application and three letters of recommendation must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies, 101 Seaton Hall, 1525 U Street, P.O. Box 880619, Lincoln, NE 68588-0619, by February 15. Students must re-apply for fellowships every year.

American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program

Each year the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program (APAMFP) provides fellowship awards in three areas of training: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Services for Transition Age Youth; and Interdisciplinary Minority Fellowship Program. Racial and ethnic minority students admitted to a doctoral program and/or those currently enrolled can apply for one of the three fellowships.

Applications can also be accessed online at <https://www.apa.org/pi/mfp>. For those applying, the preliminary application must be received by the APAMFP by the 15th of January. There is a service payback agreement appended to the award of this fellowship. Complete details concerning the application process and the obligations involved in accepting a traineeship can be obtained from the Minority Fellowship Program, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-6127; mfp@apa.org

American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Awards

The Science Directorate of the American Psychological Association sponsors an annual competition for dissertation research funding. The Science Directorate oversees the competition for thirty to forty \$1,000 grants, along with several larger grants up to \$5,000 that are awarded to students whose dissertation research is of the highest caliber and reflects excellence in scientific psychology. Applicants must be student affiliates or associate members of the APA. Students who are not affiliates must apply for affiliation when submitting materials for the dissertation award. The individual's supervisory committee prior to application must approve dissertation proposals. The yearly deadline is in mid-September. For further information, contact the APA Science Directorate, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-6000; <https://www.apa.org/about/awards/scidir-dissertre> science@apa.org

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Participating in teaching and research is an important part of the professional development of graduate students in the Department of Educational Psychology. A limited number of graduate assistantships are available through the department and the Oscar and Luella Buros Center for Testing. These are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified students. Students wishing to apply for department assistantships must complete the online application available at the Department of Educational Psychology website <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/graduate-assistantships/>. Typically, 85% of the doctoral students seeking assistantships are able to obtain one. However, assistantships for master level students are less frequently available within the department. Please make note that, while most students prefer an assistantship within their home department, you may obtain an assistantship anywhere on campus.

Most assistantships include tuition remission (up to 12 credits per semester and in some cases 12 credit hours in the summer) during the semester of the appointment. The assistantships typically require 13 to 20 hours of service per week. Some graduate assistantships are available during the summer sessions as well.

For more information concerning graduate assistantships contact your program director. Program directors are listed on the websites for each program area. You may also contact Edith Reza-Martinez at (402) 472-2223 or by email at erezamartinez2@unl.edu.

Research Grants

The Office of Sponsored Programs is located in the Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School on 2200 Vine Street, Lincoln NE 68583-0861. This office serves both in a consultative and intermediary role for processing student and faculty grant applications. Consultative services include helping students and faculty search for grant funded research support and facilitating the application process. In its intermediary role Sponsored Programs functions as UNL's official liaison representative with all of the various funding agencies. Grant proposal submission and review must be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs before submission to a sponsor. You are required to use the Request for Proposal Approval and Submission form. This form can be picked up at either the Graduate Coordinator's Office or at the Office of Sponsored Programs. All contracts and agreements must be made between the funding agency and the UNL Board of Regents. Therefore, a

completed and approved grant becomes a legal contract at the University level, not simply a college, department, or individual research grant. The office of sponsored programs has established an online home page that is updated weekly. On this page, a Funding Announcements flyer is posted each week that lists newly announced grant opportunities in numerous research areas including, but not limited to, academic, environment/climate, health, and family support. Also, links are provided to other webs sites including federal agencies where additional funding opportunities are posted. Their online site is: <http://research.unl.edu/sponsoredprograms/>.

Campus Resources

Campus Information

One of the most helpful and all-encompassing resources available to a UNL graduate student is the UNL Graduate Studies Bulletin. The Graduate Bulletin is available online and can be found in the Graduate Studies College section of the UNL homepage. Another important information source describing UNL programs, facilities, and student services is the UNL Graduate School website found at <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/>. The Student Directory—the University's student telephone book—is free and can be picked up at the Registration and Records Office. In addition to student telephone numbers, it provides an abundance of information about the University, the community, and services available in Lincoln.

Campus Libraries

The University's library system and services are extensive, including over 2.6 million volumes and 22,000 active periodicals and serials. In addition to needed library resources, UNI.'s libraries provide spacious study areas and individual study cubicles. Besides traditional services, UNI.'s libraries provide computerized searches of many databases (e.g., PsycInfo, Ethnic NewsWatch), and advanced reference and bibliographic assistance from subject librarians (e.g., psychology, gender studies). A computerized card catalog enables faculty and students to search for library materials from their home or office as well as in the libraries.

Love Memorial Library, the largest facility on campus and located on the City Campus, holds 1,830,000 volumes with an emphasis on humanities, social sciences, business, and education. Regular hours are Sunday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Friday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information call the Reference/Information Desk at Love Library, (402) 472-9568. The library system also includes specialized facilities on UNL's City and East campuses. On City Campus, these include the architecture, chemistry, engineering, geology, biological sciences, mathematics, music, and physics libraries. The Law Library is located on the University's East Campus. C. Y. Thompson Library, also on the East Campus, is another major library with a collection emphasizing materials related to agriculture, home economics, dentistry, and family science.

Campus Facilities and Services

UNL Information Technology Support Office

The University provides computing resources supported by Huskertech Help Centers:
<https://its.unl.edu/helpcenter/>

The Information Technology Support Help Desk [(402) 472-3970] provides assistance for questions concerning computing at UNL. Assistance does not include writing or rewriting programs. For more information on computing services:

<https://its.unl.edu/services/computer-help-center/>

Pixel Lab

The Pixel Lab is located in 123 Henzlik Hall [(402) 472-2258] and serves the entire university community by providing instructional mediated support. Their services are in the areas of photography, graphic design, printing, video, and equipment check-out. Also, a variety of different production materials (computer disks, construction paper, poster board, CD-R's, DVDR's, etc.) are available for purchase at the Pixel Lab. All work done by the Pixel Lab must be University affiliated; no personal work orders will be accepted. The Pixel Lab is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Design and printing of posters for display at professional conferences is one valuable service to our students provided through the Pixel Lab.

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)

UNL is a member of the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD; <https://www.facultydiversity.org/>). As a member institution, all faculty, postdocs, and graduate students receive free membership and access to all training materials and webinars designed to aid professional development in higher education. Students should sign up on the website using their huskers.unl.edu email address. If you have any questions about this benefit, please contact Dr. Susan Swearer (sswearer@unl.edu).

Health Services

The Student Health Program at UNL was developed to serve students in two broad areas: the University Health Center and the Student's Health Insurance Plan. Information regarding the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan can be obtained at the Health Center. These programs have been designed to be mutually complementary to ensure the availability of quality health care at the least possible cost.

The University Health Center is located at 550 N 19th St, P.O. Box 880618, Lincoln, NE 68588; (402) 472-5000. The primary objectives of the Center are the prevention of illness and injury through active promotion of healthy lifestyles, and the treatment of illness and injury occurring to students enrolled at UNL. A modern clinic and hospital are equipped to handle most illnesses, but

not major surgery. Specialists are on hand in the fields of eye, ear, nose, throat, orthopedics, dermatology, urology, gynecology, surgery, internal medicine, dentistry, radiology, allergy, neurology, psychology, physical therapy, and psychiatry. Minimal charges are made for treatment in specialty areas. Appointments can be scheduled in person or by calling (402) 472-5000.

Counseling services are available through the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) housed in the University Health Center. CAPS professional staff offers counseling in the areas of personal concern, anxiety and depression, life planning, relationships, eating disorders, communication skills, stress management, and others. Special workshops and support groups are offered throughout the year in these and other areas. As with appointments of a medical nature, scheduling can be made in person or by calling (402) 472-7450. CAPS also offers Grand Rounds presentations on timely and relevant professional issues and topics in psychology.

Life Balance

The UNL campus houses and supports several different entertainment opportunities including those described below.

The **Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden**, located in the SW corner of the City Campus, and the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, an integrated component of the Sheldon, provide the student with a variety of visual and cinematic art exhibits/productions.

The **Lied Center of Performing Arts**, located next to the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, serves as a focus for the performing arts in Nebraska. Completed in 1989, the Center provides an additional on-campus facility for student and campus organizations and for student and faculty performances. In addition, programs at the Lied Center are diverse, including speakers, Broadway shows and entertainers, concerts, dance, and theatre.

The **University of Nebraska State Museum**, located in Morrill Hall at 14th and U Streets, contains over 10 million specimens and housed interpretative displays of Nebraska's geologic, natural, and cultural history.

The **Ralph Mueller Planetarium**, also located in Morrill Hall, features sky shows and laser light shows.

The **Kimball Hall**, located at 11th & R Streets, serves as the home for UNL School of Music's Concerts and Recitals by faculty, students, and guest artists.

The **Temple Building** has been the home of theatre at UNL since 1907. Temple houses all theatre classes as well as the administrative office and performance spaces of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. It is located across the street from the Lied Center.

The **Devaney Sports Center** is a multi-sport complex for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, and hosts performances by national recording artists.

The **Lentz Center of Asian Culture**, located in 329 Morrill Hall, is dedicated to the enrichment of knowledge and understanding of Asian art and culture. Through exhibitions of Asian Art and artifacts, presentations and cultural activities, the Center provides a unique opportunity for understanding the rich diversity and long history of Asian Cultures.

The **Culture Center**, 333 N. 16th Street, promotes ethnic traditions and serves as a meeting and activities center for all students with special emphasis on American ethnic minority students. The Culture Center seeks to meet the particular educational, cultural, and social needs of ethnic minority students and their student organizations.

The **UNL Television, KUON-TV**, operates from one of the nation's finest telecommunications facilities—the Terry M. Carpenter Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center located on the East Campus. KUON is recognized nationally for its quality programs and is the principal production agency for the statewide Nebraska Educational Television Network (NETV, Channel 12).

The **Nebraska Union** is located on the City Campus and offers study and television lounges, offices for student organizations, meeting rooms, dining areas with complete food services, a bakery, a bank, a game room, copy center services, post office, coffee shop, the Photo ID Office [(402) 472-7331], and the University Bookstore [(402) 472-7300]. Additionally, the Union is used for a number of lectures, music, and art presentations throughout the academic year.

UNL Campus Recreation is located at 841 N 14th St on the City Campus, and provides space for students to participate in basketball, jogging, soccer, softball, volleyball, tennis, handball, racquetball, swimming, weightlifting, and a personalized fitness club. Family programming, special recreation events, wellness programming, and the sale of Nebraska hunting, fishing, and park permits are additional activities carried out by the Campus Rec Center. Campus Recreation also organizes such activities as rock climbing trips to Wyoming, ice climbing in Colorado, backpacking trips to the Grand Canyon, and several other outdoor trips of differing "natures." Additionally, Campus Recreation maintains the largest supply of outdoor equipment for rent in Lincoln, at minimal cost to students. For further information, call INFO-REC [(402) 472-3467] and/or stop by the Recreation Center and pick up a free Campus Recreation Guidebook. Their website is <https://crec.unl.edu/>.

Career Services provides a wide range of assistance to students, alumni, faculty, and employees who wish to access information and services for career decision making or job search assistance. Services include resume referral and advising services for students seeking part-time and summer employment, federal work study, or internship/co-op positions. Also, available are a career resource library, career assessments, career counseling, resume development assistance, career information, job hunting services, campus interviews, resume referrals, and testing services.

<https://careers.unl.edu>

The **UNL Women's Center** is a division of Student Involvement. The Women's Center advocates social, economic, and political equality for all persons by serving as an educational and counseling

resource for any person who seeks to further understand the changing roles of women and men in our society. The Center's goal is to assist women with a successful, positive college experience. The Women's Center offers programs and services to enhance and enrich the educational experience of women. The Center provides advocacy and support for women's concerns and offers information and counseling to women seeking assistance. The Women's Center is also a place within the University where individuals and organizations may meet, study, read, discuss, find support, or relax in the company of others interested in and appreciative of the contributions and roles of women. The Center strives to increase sensitivity to gender based issues across the campus community. The Women's Center is located in room 340 of the Nebraska Union. <https://womens-center.unl.edu/>.

The **LGBTQA+ Center** (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-/Pan-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Aromantic, Allies plus additional identities relevant to sexual orientation, gender identities & expression) Center works collaboratively to provide education, resources, outreach, and advocacy to develop academic and personal success, community, and leadership opportunities. The Center's vision is to help build and sustain a socially just campus community that is welcoming and inclusive of all people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expression. The LGBTQA+ Center is located in room 346 of the Nebraska Union. <https://lgbtqa.unl.edu>.

The **Services for Students with Disabilities** (SSI) is located in 117 Louise Pound Hall. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to ensuring equal access to curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students with disabilities. Providing a range of services, SSI implements reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and offers students the opportunity to contribute and participate in the diverse campus experience at UN. <https://www.unl.edu/ssd>.

The **Center for Advocacy, Response, & Education** (CARE) is a confidential and supportive resource for victims/survivors of interpersonal violence and other crimes. CARE provides advocacy and support for students, faculty and staff who have experienced sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, harassment, and other crimes, their advocates help individuals navigate campus and community resources. <https://care.unl.edu>.

Student Organizations. There are more than 300 recognized student organizations on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. The term "recognized" means the organization has a faculty or staff adviser, a constitution approved by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN—our student government, located at 136 Nebraska Union, [(402) 472-8921], and privileges such as facility reservations and insurance coverage provided by the University. Some of the organizations that may be of interest to you include: The Mexican American Student Association (MASA); the African Peoples Union (APU); Women in Communication, Inc.; the International Student Organization; Amnesty International-Campus Group; and Nebraskans for Peace. A complete listing of student organizations is found in the Guide to Student Organizations published by the Office for Student Involvement, 200 Nebraska Union; (402) 472-2454. The Office of Student Involvement also serves as the "central" office for all areas of student involvement, including ethnic minority programs, campus programs that include both entertainment and seminars/workshops, volunteerism and community service, and student organizations and leadership programs. Additionally, the Women's Center and the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center operate under the Office of Student Involvement.

Appendices

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Appendix A

Outline of Procedures Involved in Obtaining Ph.D. Ed.S., and M.A. Degrees

Requirements (Doctoral)

Paper Trail. Admission letter, Appointment of Supervisory Committee, Program of Studies, Application for Admission to Candidacy, Application for Final Oral Exam, and Report of completion.

Admission. Two separate organizations need to admit students for a doctoral program. Students need to be admitted by the Office of Graduate Studies at UNL, and they need to be admitted by program areas. There are several requirements for admission, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, statements of interest, etc. Graduate Admission Requirements include: application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee, one set of transcripts, and if student's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency is required. Students should refer to program area handbooks for a complete list of program requirements

Supervisory Committee. The Supervisory Committee shall approve the student's Program of Studies; monitor the student's academic progress; approve the dissertation subject; prepare, give, and evaluate the comprehensive examination; approve the final dissertation; and prepare, give, and evaluate the final examination. (SOURCE: Graduate College Policy Handbook, 2018)

A Supervisory Committee is established before a doctoral student has accumulated 45 credit hours, including any transfer hours, but excluding research or language tools. Prior to the approval of the student's Program of Studies, the Supervisory Committee is appointed by the Dean for Graduate Studies based on a recommendation of the departmental or interdepartmental Graduate Committee in the student's major.

The Supervisory Committee consists of at least four members of the Graduate Faculty or non-Graduate Faculty approved to perform specified Graduate Faculty duties. At least one Graduate Faculty member external to the academic department or program, but within the University of Nebraska Graduate College, must be included on the committee to serve as the Outside Representative. If the student is pursuing a minor, the committee member from the minor department may serve as the Outside Representative.

Graduate Faculty with emeritus status may co-chair the supervisory committees of doctoral students with a resident Graduate Faculty member.

Students should choose committee members with great care. The committee approves a student's program of studies, contributes to and grades the comprehensive exam, approves the research proposal, approves the dissertation, and ultimately votes on the PhD oral

dissertation defense. It is wise for students to seek the counsel of other recent PhD students who have had a person as a committee member.

The official committee formation document looks like the one shown below:

 Office of Graduate Studies University of Nebraska-Lincoln Appointment of Supervisory Committee for the Doctoral Degree The Doctoral Committee of _____ Department: _____ Graduate Program: _____ Faculty members date & Supervisory Committee to appear on _____ Advisor _____ Research Area _____ Area of Specialization _____ Major: _____ Minor: _____ Supervisor's Committee Members (or least four PhDs required) - type or print name: Professor's Name _____ Address (P) _____ Telephone Number and Zip _____ or Address (D) _____ Social Security _____ Date _____ (SSA Number And-0000) Jerry White _____ 101 Health Care Center Birthplace _____ 101 Morris Hall (0010) Other: _____ Other: _____ Other: _____ Other: _____ Note: The Supervisory Committee is expected to meet within one week following its appointment by the Office of Graduate Studies to discuss and approve the Program of Studies for the student. The Program must be submitted to the Graduate Office with a minimum of 45 hours exclusive of language and/or research tools remaining at the time. Any deviation from the 45-hour rule requires a written justification. Approval of Graduate Committee is student's major area Signature _____ Date _____ Appointment of Supervisory Committee to Office of Graduate Studies Signature _____ Date _____		RECEIVED Date: 05/06/2021
Appointment of Supervisory Committee For the Doctoral Degree Office of Graduate Studies University of Nebraska-Lincoln STUDENT AND PROGRAM Name: Anaya, Elyxus J NUID Number: _____ Last, First, Middle Contact Information: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I affirm that my contact information in MyRED is current and correct. I have signed into MyRED, reviewed my email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers as recorded there, and updated any that were not current. Academic Objective: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. <input type="checkbox"/> Ed.D. Major: Psychological Studies in Education <input type="checkbox"/> D.M.A. <input type="checkbox"/> A.M.D. Specialization: Counseling Psychology Minor: _____ IDENTIFICATION OF SUPERVISORY MEMBERS Professor's Name: Dena Abbott, PhD Reader: <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Email Address: (@unl.edu or @uni.edu) Chair: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A dabbott5@unl.edu Co-Chair (leave this blank if no co-chair): <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Michael Scheel, PhD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mscheel2@unl.edu Member: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Edwards, PhD katie.edwards@unl.edu Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Member: Lisa Crockett, PhD <input type="checkbox"/> ecrockett1@unl.edu Official Representative: <input type="checkbox"/> Readers: Check two boxes above to identify two committee members, exclusive of chairs, who will serve as readers. The Supervisory Committee is expected to meet within the same semester or summer term following its appointment by the Office of Graduate Studies to discuss and approve the Program of Studies for the student. The Program of Studies must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies with a minimum of 45 hours exclusive of language and/or research tools remaining to be taken. Any deviation from the 45-hour rule requires a written justification. APPROVALS Department Graduate Committee Chair Sarah Hopkins 05/06/21 11:42 CDT Signature _____ Date _____ Dean of Graduate Studies Signature _____ Date _____ Revised 2018/01		

Program of Studies, PhD. The Program of Studies must be filed in Graduate Studies prior to completion of half the coursework for the doctoral program, including transfer hours, but excluding research or language tools. This may be submitted at the same time as the Appointment of Supervisory Committee form.

At least half of the graduate work, including the dissertation, will be completed in the student's major. It must contain sufficient credit hours:

- PhD: At least 90 credit hours, including 12 to 55 hours of dissertation research.
- It must include any departmental language or research tool requirements.
- It must be filed within the same semester as the appointment of the Supervisory Committee.
- The time limit on granting the doctoral degree is eight years from the time of filing the student's Program of Studies in Graduate Studies.
- Any subsequent change in the program is approved by the Supervisory Committee and the action reported to Graduate Studies in writing.
- The Supervisory Committee will determine what course work taken prior to filing of a Program of Studies, including hours earned toward the master's degree(s), will be accepted as part of the program's 87-96 hours.

- The Supervisory Committee is not obligated to reduce the doctoral Program of Studies by applying course work completed prior to its appointment.
 - Prior course work is assessed in relation to its contribution to framing a research foundation for the degree. Each course accepted must be current and relevant in relation to the desired degree.
 - No graduate credit will be accepted from a previously awarded doctoral degree at any institution, including UNL.

Comprehensive Examination. When a student has substantially completed studies in the doctoral program, the student must pass a written comprehensive examination in the major and minor fields of study. At the discretion of the supervisory committee, an oral comprehensive examination may also be required.

Requirement and Scheduling

The Supervisory Committee arranges for comprehensive examinations at least seven months prior to the final oral examination (defense).

- The **written** comprehensive examination is an investigation of the student's breadth of understanding of the field of knowledge of which his/her special subject is a part. It is not a repetition of course examinations.
 - An **oral** comprehensive examination may be required at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee. The oral exam may include the minor or related fields in addition to the major

field of study. If an oral exam is required, it is part of the comprehensive exam requirements to be met before candidacy.

Examination Results

Upon successful completion of comprehensive exams, an Application for Candidacy should be filed as described in Doctoral Milestones.

Otherwise, if the Supervisory Committee determines that the student has failed the comprehensive examination:

A letter is submitted by the chair of the Supervisory Committee to the Dean for Graduate Studies stating the conditions under which the student may attempt another examination.

Only one attempt may be made per academic term. Only two attempts overall are permitted unless additional attempts are approved by the Supervisory Committee.

Candidacy.

The Supervisory Committee files the **Application for Admission to Candidacy** as described in Doctoral Milestones once the student has:

- Met any provisional admission requirements
- Satisfied language and research tool requirements
- Passed the comprehensive examination(s)

This form must be filed in Graduate Studies at **least seven months** prior to the final oral examination (defense).

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OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Application for Admission to Candidacy for the Doctoral Degree

Name John Doe Street 123 Main Street Serial Number 123-45-6789

City Lincoln State NE Zip 68508

Current Address 1234 W. Locust Room 404 City Lincoln Zip 68508

Email jdoe@unl.edu

I hereby petition the Graduate Council to be admitted to Candidacy for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Major Computer Science, Concentration Software Engineering

Date Major Written Comprehensive Examination Passed 1/1/2010

Date Minor Written Comprehensive Examination Passed 1/1/2010

Language and Research Test Requirements

Specify English French Spanish Date Completed 1/1/2010 Score 120/120

Specify English French Spanish Date Completed 1/1/2010 Score 120/120

Residency Requirements have been met during one of the following credit hour periods:

Accumulated requirement of 30 hours of graduate work completed prior to January 1/1/2010

or through April 2010

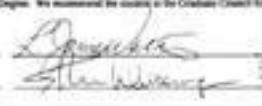


Candidate's Signature

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE:

We, the undersigned, certify that the above-named student has passed the written comprehensive examination and completed the language and research test (if required) for the Doctoral Degree. We recommend the candidate for Candidacy for the Degree.


Dr. John Doe


J. Smith


M. Johnson

We, the undersigned, record our dissenting vote.

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Application for Admission to Candidacy
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STUDENT AND PROGRAM

First Name _____ NUID Number _____
Last Name _____ Campus Email _____ @huskers.unl.edu

Degree Ph.D. Major _____
 Au.D. _____
 D.M.A. Specialization _____
 D.P.H. _____
 Ed.D. Minor _____

PROGRAM DATES

Date Major Written Comprehensive Examination Passed _____ (required)
Date Minor Written Comprehensive Examination Passed _____

Anticipated Degree Conferral Date Year _____ Month May August December

The Academic Residency requirement, if not previously noted as met, will need to be met prior to the scheduling of the oral defense.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this Application for Candidacy, I certify that I have passed the written comprehensive exam as administered by my degree program and completed the language/research tool (if required) for the doctoral degree. I acknowledge that, once in candidacy, registration is required during each fall and spring semester until graduation.

Signature, Candidate _____

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, certify that the above-named student has passed the written comprehensive examination and completed the language and research test (if required) for the Doctoral Degree. We recommend the student to the Graduate College for admission to Candidacy for the degree.

Signature, Chair _____ Signature _____
Signature _____ Signature _____
Signature _____ Signature _____

Signature _____ Signature _____
Signature _____ Signature _____

We, the undersigned, record our dissenting vote.

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IRB (Institutional Review Board). The UNL Institutional Review Board (IRB) is comprised of UNL faculty, staff and unaffiliated community members from differing disciplines with expertise based on UNL's research portfolio. The IRB is charged by the Chancellor to "independently review and approve all human participant research conducted or supported by the faculty, students, staff, or other representatives of UNL...through sufficient resources and decisional autonomy," documented with Policy #1.006: Authority Granted by UNL to the IRB Operating in the HRPP.

In order for a project to require oversight by the IRB it must meet the regulatory definitions of research AND human subjects. Policy #3.001: Investigational Activities Requiring IRB Review and Approval defines activities that must be reviewed and approved by the IRB before the project begins (including recruitment).

- Research is "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge."
- Human subject is a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research: (i) obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or (ii) obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens.

Research Proposal. Though not spelled out in the graduate studies requirements, the Dissertation research proposal is a very important step. A typical research proposal consists of the first three chapters of a dissertation: an introduction (why the problem is worthy), a literature review (what is already known about the problem), and methods (what you will do

in your study). Once approved, the research proposal is like a contract between the student and his or her committee. Because of the implied contractual nature of this step, it should be taken very seriously. If the committee wants changes in the proposal, the student should make them and resubmit the proposal to them before the letter is sent (to Graduate Studies for your file) indicating that this meeting has been held.

Typically, the proposal will ultimately become the first three chapters of your dissertation: *Introduction, Literature Review, and Methods and Procedures*.

There are three stages of the research proposal: **(a)** where the student prepares the proposal; **(b)** where the student presents to the committee and the committee approves the proposal; and **(c)** an *informal* stage where a memo is written to Graduate Studies indicating that the supervisory committee has approved the research proposal.

Application for the Degree. Students must apply to receive their degree in the early part of the semester during which they expect to receive the degree.

Dissertation. Preparing a dissertation is a major effort.

Follow the formatting rules carefully. In our department the latest version of the APA Publication Manual is used.

After the research data collection is complete, students write the dissertation. As often as not, this consists of adding *Results* and *Discussion, Summary and Conclusions*.

Once written and approved by the chair of the supervisory committee, the dissertation goes to the Reading Committee, two members of the student's supervisory committee who have agreed to serve as readers. The Reading Committee should have no less than two weeks to read and approve the dissertation. In many cases, readers will require revisions and students should allow another two weeks for these revisions. There must be at least three weeks between their approval and the final oral defense. It is a good idea for students to plan on having the dissertation approved by the chair of the supervisory committee at least seven weeks before the defense is planned. Due to faculty schedules, there is no guarantee that students can defend their dissertation over the summer.

The remaining stages in preparing the dissertation are **(a)** schedule oral, **(b)** the oral exam itself, and **(c)** depositing the dissertation.

Depositing the dissertation is usually a straight-forward process. There are formatting requirements that are followed scrupulously. Then, there must be copies that are bound. Plan on binding one bound copy for the chair of your supervisory committee. Students should ask other members of the supervisory committee if they wish to have a copy of the dissertation.

Oral Examination. Approval of the dissertation is solely the responsibility of the Supervisory Committee. The academic expectations and standards of acceptability for dissertations, as established by each departmental Graduate Committee, shall be the benchmark by which dissertations are judged. No individual or organization other than the

University of Nebraska graduate faculty (or non-graduate faculty members granted permission to serve on Supervisory Committees) may participate in judging the acceptability of a dissertation, including (but not limited to) journal editors, peer reviewers, and adjudicators.

Submission of manuscripts or other works for publication shall not be a requirement for the graduate degree. This does not preclude departmental Graduate Committees from stating in their graduate handbooks the expectation that a dissertation should yield publication-quality research or juried works; nor does it prevent graduate students from submitting manuscripts and publishing articles prior to defending their dissertation.

The final oral examination must be scheduled for a date when a majority of the Supervisory Committee, including the Chair(s), are available for the examination. Exceptions may be made only by permission of the Dean for Graduate Studies.

The final examination for the doctoral degree is oral and open to the University community and the public.

- The Supervisory Committee determines the defense's character and length. The examination may be devoted to the special field of the dissertation or to the Candidate's general knowledge, or it may be designed to test judgment and critical powers.
- All persons may be present during the dissertation presentation and general questioning. However, this is followed by a closed questioning portion of the examination for which all persons except the Candidate, Supervisory Committee, and invited faculty must be excused.
- The final oral examination over the dissertation may be waived only with the consent of the Dean for Graduate Studies.
- The Supervisory Committee reports the results of the final oral examination to Graduate Studies.

If the committee agrees unanimously that the student has passed: A Report of Completion is signed by all committee members present for the defense.

If only one member dissents: The dissenting member files a letter of explanation in Graduate Studies, but the student is approved for the degree and a Report of Completion is signed accordingly.

If more than one member dissents: The student fails to pass the final oral exam. The committee files a report on the failure in Graduate Studies, indicating what the student must do before attempting another examination. A student may attempt a final oral exam only once per term.

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INSTRUCTIONS

All information must be typed. Submit this completed form to the Office of Graduate Studies at least two weeks before the final oral examination; or if the exam is waived, three weeks before the final dissertation or doctoral document is due in the Office of Graduate Studies.

STUDENT AND PROGRAM

First Name	NUID Number
Last Name	Campus Email <input type="text" value="@huskers.unl.edu"/>
Degree	Major
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<input type="checkbox"/> D.M.A.	Specialization <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> D.P.H.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ed.D.	Minor <input type="text"/>

DISSERTATION OR DOCTORAL DOCUMENT

Title of Dissertation
or Doctoral Document

APPROVAL BY THE READING COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH ORAL DEFENSE

Final Oral Examination: Time Date Location

Signature, First Reader Date *Signature, Second Reader* Date

Signature, Supervisory Committee Chair Date *Signature, Supervisory Committee Co-Chair* Date

ORAL EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE

Type the names of the members who have agreed to attend the oral examination.

Chair

Outside Representative

GRADUATE STUDIES ACTION

Approved by Dean for Graduate Studies Signature Date

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Publication(s). Most research that students conduct should be publishable and students should attempt to publish it.

Summary of Procedure for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (taken from the 2000-2002 UNL Graduate Bulletin).

This summary of procedure should be studied carefully in connection with the Graduate College calendar.

1. Admission to UNL Graduate Studies by the evaluation of official transcripts presented in person or by mail before registration.
2. Registration after consultation with advisers in major and minor departments.
3. Appointment by the Office of Graduate Studies of a supervisory committee on the recommendation of the departmental or area Graduate Committee.
4. Submission to the Office of Graduate Studies of a program approved by the supervisory committee setting forth the complete plan of study for the degree with a minimum of 45 hours exclusive of language and/or research tools remaining to be taken.
5. Admission to Candidacy for the PhD degree by filing a report in the Office of Graduate Studies of the passing of the comprehensive examinations and the completion of language and research tool requirements (at least seven months before the final oral examination).
6. Submission to the Office of Graduate Studies of a report from the supervisory committee on the specific research for the dissertation and progress to date.
7. Filing of an application for the degree at the Office of Registration and Records. This application is effective during the current term only. It must be renewed at the appropriate time if requirements for graduation are not completed until a later term.

8. Presentation of the dissertation and the abstract to the members of the reading committee in sufficient time for review and approval, which must be obtained at least two weeks before the final examination.
9. At least two weeks prior to the date of the oral examination, presentation to the Office of Graduate Studies of the application for final oral examination and a copy of the dissertation and abstract for preliminary review.
10. Passing of any required final oral examination.
11. Deposition of two copies of the dissertation in proper form, three copies of the abstract, and a signed agreement for microfilming the dissertation and publication of the abstract, with the Dean of University Libraries after final approval from the doctoral specialist in graduate studies. Delivery of the certificate of deposit, signed by members of the supervisory committee, the Dean of University Libraries, and the Comptroller, to the Office of Graduate Studies. In addition, one bound copy of the dissertation is to be deposited with the student's major department.

Hooding. UNL conducts a doctoral hooding ceremony, usually on the afternoon of the day before commencement. At this ceremony, mentors stand by while a member of the UNL Graduate Office places a hood on the candidate.

Educational Specialist Requirements

Paper Trail. The Educational Specialist paper trail consists of an admission, a Program of Studies, Appointment of Supervisory Committee, Final Report for Ed.S., and a Comprehensive Examination Report.

Admission. Two separate organizations need to admit students for an Educational Specialist program. Students need to be admitted by UNL, and students need to be admitted by an Educational Specialist program. Graduate Admission Requirements include: application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee, one set of transcripts, and if student's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency is required. Major admission requirements will require a minimum English proficiency: Paper TOEFL 550, Internet, TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, personal statement, resume and 3 recommendation letters.

Supervisory Committee. The Supervisory Committee shall approve the student's Program of Studies; monitor the student's academic progress; approve the dissertation subject; prepare, give, and evaluate the comprehensive examination; approve the final dissertation; and prepare, give, and evaluate the final examination. (SOURCE: Graduate College Policy Handbook, 2018)

A Supervisory Committee is established before a doctoral student has accumulated 45 credit hours, including any transfer hours, but excluding research or language tools. Prior to the approval of the student's Program of Studies, the Supervisory Committee is appointed by the Dean for Graduate Studies based on a recommendation of the departmental or interdepartmental Graduate Committee in the student's major.

The Supervisory Committee consists of at least four members of the Graduate Faculty or non-Graduate Faculty approved to perform specified Graduate Faculty duties. At least one Graduate Faculty member external to the academic department or program, but within the University of Nebraska Graduate College, must be included on the committee to serve as the Outside Representative. If the student is pursuing a minor, the committee member from the minor department may serve as the Outside Representative.

Graduate Faculty with emeritus status may co-chair the supervisory committees of doctoral students with a resident Graduate Faculty member.

Program of Studies. During the same term in which the Supervisory Committee is established, submit the completed Program of Studies form (with supervisory committee chair's signature) to Graduate Studies.

The Ed.S. degree requires a minimum of 66 total credit hours. At the time of the filing of the Program of Studies, there should be at least 24 hours remaining to be taken.

After the Program of Studies has been filed in Graduate Studies, any changes are submitted in writing. A "Request for Change of Program" form is available from Graduate Studies, or a memo may be submitted by the student's advisor to the Coordinator outlining the additions, deletions, or substitutions.

Comprehensive Examination. The Supervisory Committee develops the examination and determines its nature and duration. It is administered when the program is substantially complete.

Results are reported to Graduate Studies on the Final Report Form. All comprehensive examinations, either passed or failed, must be reported to Graduate Studies at least **ten days before graduation.**

Application for the Degree. Students must apply to receive their degree in the early part of the semester during which they expect to receive the degree.

Requirements (Masters)

Paper Trail. The masters paper trail consists of an admission, a Memorandum of Courses, Application for Graduation, and a Final Examination Report. A thesis must be written, defended, revised, bound, and deposited if the thesis path is chosen.

Admission. Two separate organizations need to admit students for a master's program. Students need to be admitted by UNL, and students need to be admitted by a master's program. Graduate Admission Requirements include: application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee, one set of transcripts, and if student's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency is required. Major admission requirements will require a minimum English proficiency: Paper TOEFL 550, Internet, TOEFL 80, IELTS 6.5, personal statement, resume and 3 recommendation letters.

Memorandum of Courses. The Memorandum of Courses must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies before the student has completed more than one-half of the prescribed program. Prior to submission, the Memorandum of Courses must be approved by the student's adviser, the major departmental or area Graduate Committee Chair, and the minor department Graduate Committee Chair (if applicable). It is the student's responsibility to secure the proper approvals and to submit to the Master's Programs Coordinator, as described in [Steps to Degree Completion](#). Final review and approval of the Memorandum of Courses is made by the Dean for Graduate Studies. A student may NOT file a Memorandum of Courses and graduate in the same semester or summer term.

If a student plans to complete a thesis, there will be a defense of the written thesis.

Complete the Memorandum of Courses.

The Memorandum of Courses **must** be submitted to and approved by the Office of Graduate Studies before students have completed half of the program of studies.

IRB (Institutional Review Board). The UNL Institutional Review Board (IRB) is comprised of UNL faculty, staff, and unaffiliated community members from differing disciplines with expertise based on UNL's research portfolio. The IRB is charged by the Chancellor to "independently review and approve all human participant research conducted or supported by the faculty, students, staff, or other representatives of UNL...through sufficient resources and decisional autonomy," documented with Policy #1.006: Authority Granted by UNL to the IRB Operating in the HRPP.

In order for a project to require oversight by the IRB it must meet the regulatory definitions of research AND human subjects. Policy #3.001: Investigational Activities Requiring IRB Review and Approval defines activities that must be reviewed and approved by the IRB before the project begins (including recruitment).

- Research is "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge."
- Human subject is a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research: (i) obtains information or biospecimens through intervention or interaction with the individual, and uses, studies, or analyzes the information or biospecimens; or (ii) obtains, uses, studies, analyzes, or generates identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens.

Comprehensive Examination. A student pursuing a Master's degree is required to complete a final comprehensive examination, administered as a written and/or oral examination, within 24 months prior to the date of graduation. The comprehensive examination is required to cover the student's approved program of study, as specified by the major and minor (if applicable) departments. The comprehensive examination in the minor field(s) may be waived subject to the approval of the minor department(s), provided all grades in the minor department are at least a B or pass.

If an oral examination is required, the examining committee, approved by the Dean for Graduate Studies on recommendation of the major department, will consist of at least three members representing the major and minor (if applicable) departments. All professors on the examining committee must either be on the Graduate Faculty, or be non-Graduate Faculty approved to perform specified Graduate Faculty duties. If a member of the examining committee other than the chair leaves the employ of the University, or retires, a replacement should be appointed. In certain circumstances where continuing expertise is needed, the departing faculty member may continue as a member or co-chair of the committee, with approval of the department Graduate Committee and the Dean for Graduate Studies. If the master's degree is being earned under Option I without a final oral examination, the thesis must be approved in writing by a Graduate Faculty member in addition to the major adviser.

In the event that members of an oral examining committee are not unanimous regarding passing a Candidate, the student is to be approved for the degree if only one examiner dissents. In such cases, the dissenting member of the committee will be expected to file a letter of explanation in the Office of Graduate Studies.

If a student fails to pass the final oral or written examination for an advanced degree, their committee must file a report on the failure in the Office of Graduate Studies and indicate what the student must do before taking another examination. Another examination may not be held during the same semester or the same summer term in which the student failed.

Oral. The thesis is defended at an oral examination. Members of the committee must have at least two weeks to read the thesis before the exam takes place.

Application for the Graduation. Students must complete the Application for Graduation in MyRED. The online Application for Graduation will become available in MyRED the semester following approval of your Memorandum of Courses. The Application for Graduation must be completed no later than: September 10. Failure to complete this step will result in a diploma not being ordered for you and your graduation date will be postponed.

Final Examination Report. The Final Examination Report form must be signed for students, the major advisor, the department graduate committee chair, and (if applicable) the minor advisor to receive their degree.

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FINAL EXAMINATION REPORT FOR MASTERS DEGREE

PART 1

Name _____ Social Security No. _____
 Local Address _____ Telephone _____
 Permanent Home Address _____
 Degree Desired: MA, Mag, MAT, MBA, MCSP, Mid, MEng, MFA, MLS, MM, MPA, MPE, MS, MScT, MSt _____
 Option: I II III Major _____ Specialization _____
 (Circle one) Minor _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE _____

PART 2

WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION When required, the written comprehensive examination must be taken within 10 months of completion of degree requirements. The comprehensive exam (written and/or oral) in the minor department may be waived if all grades in the minor are at least B or Pass.
 WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION TO BE TAKEN Major _____ Minor _____ PASSED Major _____ Minor _____
 Written Comprehensive Examination in Major Waived Yes No If waived, oral must be taken Yes
 Written Comprehensive Examination in Minor Waived Yes No

PART 3

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE APPROVED; INCOMPLETES REMOVED IN COURSES OTHER THAN THESIS.
 (Signatures required for options I, II and III prior to submission to the Office of Graduate Studies.)

Date _____ <small>(Signature, Major Advisor)</small>	Date _____ <small>(Signature, Minor Advisor)</small>	Date _____
Date _____ <small>(Signature, Chair of Graduate Committee, Major Dept)</small>	Date _____ <small>(Signature, Dean of Graduate Studies)</small>	

PART 4

FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULED DATE _____ TIME _____ BUILDING/ROOM _____
 (Indicate month, day, year and room number. Fill in the space above for the final examination date and time.)
 FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION WAIVED Yes No
 FINAL COPY OF THISIS APPROVED _____
 (Signature, Graduate Faculty Fellow, Major Dept, other than Advisor)
 Note: Oral exam is waived if three members are required. All members on the examining committee MUST be Graduate Faculty Fellows. Signatures of committee members should be affixed after final oral examination.)

Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Type Name, Examining Committee Chair)</small>	Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Type Name)</small>	Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass/No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
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TITLE OF THESIS: _____

FINAL GRADE FOR THESIS HOURS _____ APPROVED BY MAJOR ADVISER _____
(Signature, Ass)

THESIS DEPOSITED IN LIBRARY _____

PART 5

(Signature, Chair) <small>(Signature, Date)</small>	(Signature, Chair) <small>(Signature, Date)</small>	(Signature, Chair) <small>(Signature, Date)</small>
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RECOMMENDED FOR DEGREE _____
(Signature, Dean of Graduate Studies)

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INSTRUCTIONS

Before submission to Graduate Studies, complete Parts 1 through 5, including signatures in Part 3 but omitting signatures in Part 4. *All information must be typed.*
 Due to Graduate Studies at least four weeks before the final oral examination, if required, but not later than the deadline for filing final report for degree.

PART 1: STUDENT AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Full Name _____ NUID Number _____
 Mailing Address _____ Phone _____
 Degree: MA MSc MAS MAT MBA MCSP Mid MEng MFA MLS MM MPA MPE MS MScT MSt _____
 Option: Major _____ Minor _____
 Specialization (if applicable) _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

PART 2: WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

When required, the written comprehensive examination must be taken within 24 months of completion of degree requirements.
 MAJOR: Yes No, final copy of thesis approved by _____
 MINOR: Yes No, scheduled for _____ and passed _____ Yes No, therefore oral must be taken _____
 The comprehensive exam (written and/or oral) in the minor department may be waived if all grades in the minor are at least B or Pass.

PART 3: EXAMINATION PROCEDURE APPROVED

Signature, Major Advisor _____ Date _____ Signature, Minor Advisor _____ Date _____

Signature, Chair of Graduate Committee, Major Dept _____ Date _____ Signature, Dean of Graduate Studies _____ Date _____

PART 4: FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

SCHEDULED (at least four weeks after filing this form): Date _____ Time _____ Building Room _____

WAIVED? Yes No, final copy of thesis approved by _____ Date _____

EXAMINING COMMITTEE: List proposed members. Three members are required. All members on the examining committee MUST be Graduate Faculty. Affix signatures of committee members after final oral examination.

Last Name _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass / No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Signature _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
Member 2 _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass / No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Signature _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
Member 3 _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass / No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Signature _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
Member 4 _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass / No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Signature _____ <small>(Signature)</small>
Member 5 _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Pass / No Pass _____ <small>(Signature)</small>	Signature _____ <small>(Signature)</small>

PART 5: THESIS

Title of Thesis: _____

Final grade for all incomplete thesis hours: _____ Approved by major advisor: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

PART 6: THESIS PROCESSING FEE

Cashier _____ Signature _____ Date _____

PART 7: RECOMMENDED FOR DEGREE

Dean of Graduate Studies _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Appendix B

Graduate Teaching Assistants

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) are important contributors to our instructional program. The Department is committed to the quality of that program and to the development of teaching skill in GTAs. In August of 1997 the Department adopted a Supervision Plan for GTAs (see below). The following statement summarizes selection, supervision and evaluation processes:

1. Students are selected by the supervisor of the teaching area (e.g., EDPS 250/1, 362/457, or 459) and approved by the Department Chair. Teaching assistants normally must have the Master's degree and have had prior teaching experience before an appointment is made.
2. GTAs are required to attend regular meetings with their Faculty Supervisor. These meetings acquaint the GTA with course policies, opportunities for development of instructional expertise, content issues, and other matters.
3. All GTAs must conduct student evaluations of their classes every semester. These evaluations are reviewed by the Faculty Supervisor and by the Chair. Compensatory activities are planned with GTAs if indicated by the evaluations.

Note: University regulations require that international students for whom English is not their native language must successfully complete the ITA Institute program before becoming a GTA.

A **teaching assistantship** provides a stipend to a student who is typically assisting in an academic department's teaching program, i.e., grading, assisting a professor with a course, etc.

Work required by an assistantship and not directly related to the student's degree program cannot exceed **13-19.6 hours per week (.33 to .49 FTE)**.

Although students on graduate assistantships may not have employment exceeding 19.6 hours per week from all sources both on and off campus during the period of the assistantship, there is no limit to time spent on studies and research relating to the advanced degree.

Because of the potential for exploitation of graduate students, any assignment of responsibilities, such as teaching a course, must be associated with a fair and reasonable compensation. Graduate students may not volunteer for any significant service to the department without an appropriate stipend

To hold a graduate assistantship a student must be admitted for a specific graduate degree objective and enrolled for credit during the tenure of the assistantship.

Individual departments make assistantship appointments. Students who wish to be considered for assistantships in their major should direct inquiries to the graduate chair of their department. All international graduate students who are to be teaching assistants at UNL must attend the Institute for International Teaching Assistants.

Appendix C

Appeal of Grades in Graduate-level Courses

(Approved March 9, 1993, revised August 16, 20193)

Appeal of grades in graduate-level courses shall be made through the graduate student grade appeal procedures for the campus through which the grade was awarded.

- Students who believe their evaluation in a course has been prejudiced or capricious must first attempt to resolve the matter with the **Course Instructor** within 30 days of the posting of the grade report by the Office of the University Registrar.
- If unsuccessful, the student may then file a written appeal to the **Graduate Chair** for consideration by the Graduate Committee responsible for the administration of the course. This appeal must be filed within 60 days of the posting of the grade report by the Office of the University Registrar. If the department does not have a graduate program, the standing grade appeal committee of the department would consider the appeal. A written determination of the appeal shall be presented to the student and instructor.
- If the matter is unduly delayed or not resolved, the student may present the original appeal documentation to the **Dean of Graduate Education** who shall request a review by a subcommittee of the Graduate Council. A final appeal may be made to the full Graduate Council if it agrees to hear the case. Since awarding grades in courses occurs at the individual campus level, the decision of the Graduate Council shall be final and is not subject to further appeal beyond the campus.
- If the instructor's grade is overturned, the instructor of record has the right of appeal, in writing, at the same successive levels of review.

Appendix D

Probation and Dismissal Procedures of Students (PhD, Ed.S., MA)

(Approved March 22, 1985 and modified 2004 to reflect new doctoral specialization; amended February 9, 2010; amended March 9, 2010, amended February 6, 2020)

Basis for Taking Action

Graduate students at UNL are expected to maintain a high level of achievement in their graduate studies and to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and all relevant policies. Accordingly, UNL reserves the right to act with respect to any graduate student who fails to maintain satisfactory progress or who violates any provision of the Student Code of Conduct or relevant policy. Such action may include, without limitation, placing the student on academic probation, suspending or terminating the student from a degree or certificate program, or precluding the student from pursuing any further graduate studies at UNL.

Academic action may be taken against a graduate student based on any of the following:

1. Violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) or any other UNL, college or departmental policy.
A violation of the Student Code of Conduct may be used as a basis for terminating a student from a program only after the violation has been reported and properly confirmed;
2. Unsatisfactory academic performance, including failing to satisfy UNL's [Scholastic Grade Requirements](#); failing to pass qualifying examinations, preliminary examinations, comprehensive examinations or final degree examinations; failing to master the methodology and content of one's field in a manner that is sufficient to successfully complete a thesis or dissertation; or
3. Failing to satisfy the requirements for the removal of probationary status or conditional admission.

Graduate Committees may adopt and impose additional conditions under which a graduate student may be subject to academic action, provided that such conditions are approved in advance by the Dean for Graduate Studies and are communicated in writing to all students who are subjected to those conditions. Graduate programs shall include any additional conditions in the program's governance documents.

A graduate student who is terminated from one degree or certificate program may apply to a different degree or certificate program, except when the termination is based on a violation of the Student Code of Conduct or when the student is precluded from pursuing any further graduate studies at UNL.

Procedure for Academic Action

Academic action taken against a graduate student is initiated by the department, school, or interdepartmental Graduate Committee, whether acting alone or upon the recommendation of the student's advisor or supervisory committee.

A recommendation to place a student on probation will be shared with the student and forwarded to the Dean for Graduate Studies, who will be responsible for making the final decision on the recommendation. Conditions of the probation will be communicated to the student in writing by the Dean for Graduate Studies.

A recommendation to terminate a student's degree or certificate program or preclude the student from pursuing any further graduate studies at UNL will be addressed in the following manner:

1. The Graduate Committee Chair will promptly inform the student in writing of the recommendation, the reason(s) given for the recommendation, and the name of the individual(s) making the recommendation.
2. The Graduate Committee Chair will provide the student with the opportunity to confer directly with the individual(s) making the recommendation through an in-person meeting or a telephone or video conference. *The student will be given at least one-week advance notice of this meeting or conference.*
3. The student will be granted the opportunity to respond to the recommendation verbally or in writing, or both, which will be documented and taken into consideration by the Graduate Committee Chair. The Graduate Committee Chair will consider any extenuating circumstances communicated by the student and will seek to determine whether the matter can be resolved.
4. After considering the student's response, if the decision is made to proceed with the recommendation to terminate the student's program or preclude the student from pursuing any further graduate studies, the Graduate Committee Chair will inform both the student and the Dean for Graduate Studies of that decision in writing.
5. The Dean for Graduate Studies will investigate the matter and decide whether to proceed with terminating the student from a program or precluding that student from pursuing any further graduate studies at UNL.
6. If the Dean for Graduate Studies decides to proceed with terminating the student from a program or precluding that student from pursuing any further graduate studies at UNL, the Dean will inform the student of that decision in writing and advise the student of the right to appeal the decision.

Appeal of Academic Action

A graduate student who is terminated from a program or is precluded from pursuing further graduate studies because of a decision rendered by the Dean for Graduate Studies may appeal that decision to the UNL Graduate Council, which will serve as the appeals board.

1. To initiate an appeal, the student must submit a written request for an appeal to the Dean for Graduate Studies, who will act as the chair of the UNL Graduate Council, within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving the Dean's decision. Although the Dean for Graduate Studies

- serves as the chair of the UNL Graduate Council, the Dean will not participate in deliberations leading to, nor vote on, the appeal decision of the UNL Graduate Council.
2. The affected student is responsible for submitting all information that the student wants the UNL Graduate Council to consider as part of the appeal. The written appeal must include the following:
 - a. A full description of the basis on which the student is bringing the appeal;
 - b. A full description of the remedy being sought by the student; and
 - c. Copies of all documentation supporting the student's appeal.
 3. After taking into consideration all information and documentation submitted by the student in conjunction with the appeal, and taking into consideration the letter(s) recommending probation or termination, the UNL Graduate Council will render its decision. That decision will be communicated in writing to the student, the individual(s) who made the initial recommendation, and the Graduate Committee overseeing the student's graduate program. In most cases, this decision will serve as the final decision.

Appeals to the Executive Graduate Council

In most cases, the decision of the UNL Graduate Council will be final. Only under special circumstances will the Executive Graduate Council hear an appeal from the decision of the UNL Graduate Council.

1. There is no absolute right of appeal to the Executive Graduate Council. The Executive Graduate Council will accept appeals only in those cases where in the exercise of its sole discretion it shall first find that one or more of the following grounds for accepting the appeal exist:
 - a. That the UNL Graduate Council has violated some element of fair procedure (example: has failed to allow the parties concerned to present their cases fully to the UNL Graduate Council);
 - b. That the UNL Graduate Council has failed to examine or give adequate weight to important evidence relevant to one party's position;
 - c. That the UNL Graduate Council has given undue weight to evidence not pertinent to the case; or
 - d. That some gross miscarriage of justice would be perpetrated if the decision of the UNL Graduate Council is allowed to stand.

A decision by the Executive Graduate Council not to accept jurisdiction of an appeal shall be final and is not subject to further appeal.

1. Appeals to the Executive Graduate Council must be made in writing and must specifically outline the grounds for the appeal. Such appeal must be made within twenty (20) working days of the day the decision of the campus Graduate Council is received (working days shall not include those days the University is not in session).

2. The Executive Graduate Council must decide to hear the appeal or not to hear the appeal within thirty (30) working days after receipt of the appeal. Acceptance or denial of jurisdiction over the appeal will be made in writing.
3. The decision of the Executive Graduate Council on the merits of the case will be made and transmitted to the concerned parties within forty (40) working days after the decision to hear the appeal.
4. No person who was a member of the department or UNL Graduate Council involved in the case will be eligible to participate in the decisions of the Executive Graduate Council either to decide whether the case should be heard or to decide the merits of the case.

Appendix E

Resolving Authorship Disputes Educational Psychology *(December 4, 1996)*

Context

An important aspect of the relationship between faculty and students in the Department of Educational Psychology is collaboration in the research process. This includes collaboration in the preparation of publications that result from jointly conducted research activities. From time to time there may arise disagreement about the order of authorship in publications prepared jointly by faculty and students. The procedures outlined below represent a three-step process that is intended to facilitate resolving such disagreements within the department. Remedies at the university level are available if problems are not resolved within the department.

Process

The three steps of the process are:

- a. Initial discourse among all parties who are participating in a joint effort that may result in publication.
- b. When a dispute arises, the department chair will be asked to identify a third party who will serve as a mediator between the disputing parties.
- c. If the results of the mediation are not satisfactory, the dispute may be brought before a faculty. The committee will hear the positions of the disputants and make a non-binding recommendation to the parties involved (copy to the department chair).

The first step in the three-step process is intended to be preventative. This step suggests that whenever there is the potential for publication and both faculty and students are involved that a discourse be initiated at the earliest stages. In addition to the Ethical Principles of the American Psychological Association (APA), there are several journal articles that suggest ways to determine authorship credit other than simply by mutual agreement. References to several articles are included in this policy statement.

The second step should happen only rarely. When faculty and student collaborators are unable to reconcile who should be the first, second, third...author on a jointly produced publication, in spite of preliminary discussions, either of the parties should seek assistance from the chair of the department. At this point, the chair's role is to assist by identifying an individual (who may be a faculty or student within or outside the department who has the skills to serve as a mediator. The role of the mediator is to help the disputing parties communicate, not to make a recommendation that will resolve the dispute. If mediation is not successful, then step three may be invoked by either of the disputing parties.

Step three involves assembling the departmental authorship committee. The committee consists of both faculty and students. The role of the committee is to investigate the positions of both parties, collecting any available artifacts and providing both sides an opportunity to clarify their positions.

When all available evidence has been considered, the committee will make a recommendation to the disputing parties and copy that recommendation to the department chair. The committee's recommendation is non-binding. A more complete description of the committee is attached.

Policy. It is the Department's policy that at the start of any project involving both faculty and students that the issue of collaboration and authorship should be discussed and that these same issues should be discussed periodically during the project. These discussions may be summarized by a formal memorandum to ensure that all parties have the same understanding about authorship position. When the collaboration occurs within the context of a course, a syllabus may be prepared that spells out responsibilities, expectations, grade and other reward (authorship position) associated with the project.

In the event that after such discussions a dispute arises, either of the disputing parties may ask the chair of the Department of Educational Psychology to identify someone who can serve in the role of mediator. The mediator will attempt to assist both parties in finding a solution to the dispute.

Should the mediator fail to assist the parties in resolving the dispute, then either party may ask the Departmental Authorship Committee to hear the dispute and make a recommendation.

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Appendix F

Supervision Plan for Graduate Teaching (Adopted August 1997)

Rationale for using Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA)

There is always a tension between having graduate students teach a course and having instruction done by faculty with the terminal degree. There is a real need for university faculty to learn how to teach prior to accepting faculty positions. But, at the same time, undergraduate students need the best instruction they can get and should not be “practiced on” by novices. The Department of Educational Psychology believes that college and university faculty become good teachers through experience in teaching, and that the Department has an obligation to facilitate that process through assisting its doctoral level graduates to develop their abilities as teachers.

One of the most neglected aspects of doctoral level education is attention to the training of doctoral students for the teaching functions of the college and university settings for which they are being prepared. The doctoral dissertation prepares them to do research, but no specific training is generally provided for the development of teaching skills for college teaching. Doctoral students are frequently awarded teaching assistantships, research assistantships-or supervisory positions, but systematic efforts to assist them to develop their approach to these roles and all that involves are much less common. As colleges and universities increasingly use successful teaching experience as a selection criterion for hiring new faculty, doctoral programs will need to attend to developing teaching abilities in their students. It seems particularly appropriate that Colleges of Education should attend to the development of teaching philosophy and abilities for college and university teaching. Even graduate students who have successfully taught in public schools have not experienced the challenges of teaching at the college level and need to be mentored into these roles.

Based on these considerations, the use of graduate students as GTAs is an imperative in the training of those being prepared to become future college instructors and supervisors. At the same time, it is also an imperative that this be done in such a way as to provide assurance that educational goals for undergraduate students will be met while at the same time developing the teaching abilities of future college instructors.

All doctoral programs in College of Education and Human Sciences require that students participate in systematic activities to develop their teaching. In programs in the Department of Educational Psychology, one way in which this requirement can be met is by teaching designated course under the supervision of a faculty member (e.g., Educational Psychology 250, 251, 362, and 459). The Department of Educational Psychology has established a model for the development of teaching abilities in the graduate students hired as instructors for these courses.

Two processes are used to assure quality instruction and promote the development of teaching abilities: 1) careful selection of the GTAs who are assigned teaching duties, and 2) a systematic program to work with these students to refine their “philosophy” of college teaching, to develop teaching skills, and to become familiar with the practical aspects of college teaching.

Selection

Graduate students are selected to become instructors based on four criteria:

- a. Possession of the MA or equivalent training in the field they are to teach. In general, they must have graduate level coursework in the area in which they will be teaching. Advanced graduate work is preferred.
- b. Prior successful teaching or other relevant experience in public school or college settings. Preference is given to prior teaching experience in the public schools but experience at the college level is given weight as well. Sometimes graduate students come to our programs with extensive practical experience with children or adolescents in settings other than schools.
- c. Potential for and commitment to becoming a good teacher as expressed in personal goals and philosophy of teaching. Assessment of this potential is based on a personal interview and/or experience with the student that allow demonstration of orientation to knowledge and to students. A commitment to teaching for a minimum of two years is expected. This expectation provides for continuity in teacher development for graduate students and increased continuity for course development and presentation for undergraduate students.
- d. Interest in college teaching as a career goal.

Instructor Development

Our approach to instructor development assumes that each teacher is an individual and should develop his or her own teaching philosophy and style. Course policies are established, and supervision practices are in place both to foster individual development as a college teacher and to provide the very best instruction in a manner consistent with the goals of the course being taught.

A. Course Policies: Course policies are established that allow individual instructors to implement individual ideas where this is consistent with the goals of the course. GTA's are allowed to establish their own approach so that they can experience first-hand the consequences of taking that approach in areas where there are widespread differences in the way college professors approach issues related to teaching. These approaches are guided by the course supervisor and discussed both prior to and after implementation to assist the instructor to evaluate their effectiveness. Discussion of different approaches in the instructor group (see description of Instructor Meetings below) provides peer exploration of alternatives for consideration as well. For example, determination of how grades are assigned differs widely among faculty. Some use point systems, some letter grades. The relative weights of different course requirements are individually determined. Faculty need to understand such differences and how they relate to the achievement of the goals of a course. Use of different systems and exploration of the strengths of each is an important aspect of the development of a personal philosophy of teaching and ways to implement that philosophy in practice.

B. Supervision: Each course has a faculty supervisor who is responsible for hiring GTAs, assisting in instructor development and for overall coordination of instruction in the class. The process of supervision is established to promote examination of issues surrounding teaching within the context of the actual teaching experience. There are several components that are utilized on a flexible basis to assist GTAs to gain new ideas, reflect on their experience in the classroom, and to work to improve their teaching.

1. College and University Resources: GTAs are made aware of opportunities within the College and University community that are available to improve teaching. For example, office of Graduate Studies runs a workshop at the beginning of each year for graduate instructors to prepare them for various aspects of teaching. GTAs are made aware of the faculty in College of Education and Human Sciences who are available to work with GTAs to assess and improve their teaching.

2. Departmental Resources: A file of old syllabi, papers, and teaching activities is maintained to provide models of how other instructors have approached teaching the courses as well as references for particular topics students might want to pursue.

3. Instructor Meetings: GTAs are expected to attend meetings of the instructor group. When the group contains new members, the meetings are biweekly. When the group is experienced, it meets less frequently, usually monthly.

These meetings serve several functions:

- a. Content issues are discussed. What should be covered? What content knowledge and resources for gaining that knowledge are needed? How do instructors assure that students will find this content relevant to their concerns?
- b. Strategies for teaching are shared among instructors with critiques of what worked, what did not, and for which students. This includes examination of such activities as role playing, concept formation, group problem solving, cooperative learning, etc. How students participate in, gain from, and react to such activities are important content for this discussion.
- c. They serve as a place to deal with administrative issues including scheduling, dealing with practicum issues which cut across sections, rosters, University policies, etc. This trains instructors in the “nuts and bolts” of teaching.
- d. They serve as a setting where policies are discussed and established which affect the course as a whole. Typical topics include dealing with the research credit problem, how incomplete grades are to be handled, course evaluations, text selection, etc. This serves to assure that students in different sections will not be subjected to inconsistencies across instructors. This also serves to develop instructor skills in performing such functions on their own.
- e. It serves as a forum for discussing teaching issues as they arise, e.g., academic dishonesty, grading policies and how they work, students who are not attending class, papers or other work which is unusual and pose difficult grading problems. For example, instructors share their grading practices, how they grade, what problems are experienced with different systems, etc. The assumptions and effects on students of different policies are discussed.
- f. GTAs get guided practice in text selection, course evaluation and other responsibilities that they will have to exercise as college instructors.

The discussion at these meetings has the effect of developing a shared vision of the course. These meetings also give rise to discussion of future directions for the course which keep it constantly evolving. They serve a course development function for the

Department which models how we would like instructors to think about changing courses because of experience.

4. **Individual assistance for instructors:** The faculty supervisor is available to meet with GTAs on an ad hoc basis. This allows for confidential and personal discussion of problems with individual students and individualized attention to issues GTAs do not want to discuss in the group. The supervisor is available to visit classes if the GTAs request that. Also, instructors are encouraged to visit each other's classes.
5. **Instructor Offices:** Most GTAs share an office near their supervisor. This allows for informal communication among GTAs and easy access to the supervisor. This is an important priority as many issues about teaching need to be resolved quickly.
6. **Course evaluations:** GTAs must conduct end of semester course evaluations. They receive their course evaluations after they have turned in grades for the class. The supervisor reads the evaluations prior to giving them to the GTA. If problems appear in the evaluations of individual instructors, the supervisor discusses the problem with the individual. Problems that appear in multiple sections are discussed in the GTA meetings.

GTAs are also encouraged to get student evaluations during the semester.

GTAs may consult with the faculty supervisor about the content and format of these evaluations, and the results may be shared with the supervisor or not. A major purpose of these evaluations is for the instructor to develop his or her own standards for teaching and evaluate his or her own performance on these standards.

7. **GTA's Reflection:** In January of each year, GTAs are asked to reflect on their experience in teaching and to develop areas in which they would like to improve their teaching performance. A summary of this reflection is provided to the faculty supervisor. This reflection in conjunction with course evaluations from prior semesters is discussed to assist instructors to develop goals for their personal development as a college teacher for the next semester or year.

Evaluation

Two approaches are taken to evaluating the effectiveness of this supervision model.

- a. **Student evaluations:** A primary approach is to examine the performance of GTAs on student course evaluations. Where student comments indicate a difficulty with GTAs behavior, either of omission or commission, the content of supervisory activity is examined to determine if relevant issues were discussed in seminars or with the individual. If they were, what happened as a result, if they were not, why not? A second consideration is how to look at these evaluations related to earlier evaluations, if available.

GTA evaluations: At least once each year GTA are asked to evaluate their supervision and to make suggestions about what would be beneficial to them in supervisory interactions and procedures. These evaluations are examined for processes and procedures that could make the supervisory process more effective.

Summary

The Department of Educational Psychology takes very seriously its commitment to the preparation of teachers for the public schools of Nebraska and the nation. We want teachers to understand how their actions affect the learning and development of the students who are entrusted to their care. We feel that this commitment requires that we not only prepare competent researchers in the area of Educational Psychology, but that we graduate exemplary teachers for the teacher preparation programs who train teachers. Supervision of GTAs of these courses is a considerable investment of resources that will have important benefits in the quality of instruction in College of Education and Human Sciences.

Appendix G

Changes to the Committee

Changes may be made to a Supervisory Committee any time prior to the submission of the Application for Final Oral Exam using a change request form as described in the [Doctoral Milestones](#).

If the Supervisory Committee Chair leaves the employ of the University, or retires or is otherwise unable to serve on the Committee, Graduate Studies must be notified immediately and a change in the Committee made as follows:

- If the student has achieved Candidacy, the former chair who has left may continue to serve as co-chair of the Supervisory Committee, with approval of the departmental Graduate Committee and the Dean for Graduate Studies. A second co-chair must be appointed who is a resident Graduate Faculty member.
- If the student has not achieved Candidacy, a new chair of the Supervisory Committee who is a resident Graduate Faculty member must be appointed immediately, with the agreement of the departmental/school Graduate Program Committee and the Dean for Graduate Studies.

If a member other than the Chair leaves the employ of the University or retires, a replacement should be appointed who is a resident graduate faculty member. When continuing expertise is needed and the faculty member is willing to continue serving, he/she may continue as a member of the Supervisory Committee, with the approval of the Supervisory Committee Chair and the concurrence of the Dean for Graduate Studies.

Appendix H

Code of Conduct

The community of scholars at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is dedicated to personal growth and academic excellence. By choosing to join the community, each member agrees to comply with certain standards of civilized behavior; and therefore, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln adopts this Student Code of Conduct, in order that it might: (1) promote a campus environment that supports its educational, research, and outreach missions; (2) protect the members of the community and its resources from disruption and harm; (3) provide a guide to appropriate individual and group behavior; and (4) foster ethical standards and civic virtues, all in keeping with the STUDENT STATEMENT OF VALUES adopted by the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on January 15, 2014

All allegations of sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking are investigated and addressed following the procedures set forth in the “University of Nebraska-Lincoln Response to Allegations of Student Sexual Conduct”, adopted pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 5.3.3, attached to this Student Code as Appendix “A,” or as Appendix “A” may be hereafter amended.

<https://studentconduct.unl.edu/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20May%20Rev%202014%20a.pdf>.

We value diversity in all its forms and are committed to providing a positive and welcoming environment for all staff, colleagues, students, volunteers, and visitors regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, religion, socioeconomic status, political perspective, career status, culture, or ethnicity.

Expected Personal Behaviors

Appropriate, positive behavior towards others acknowledges and values who they are what they are doing, and this reflects on one’s own character, integrity, and values. All personnel working in the Department, in any of its activities in any capacity, will:

- Treat everyone with respect and consideration, with sensitivity to personal and cultural uniqueness.
- Maintain respectful dialogue at all times to promote constructive discourse.
- Evaluate the work of faculty, students, and staff fairly and objectively.
- Recognize past and present contributors to the science of psychology and the accomplishments of others.
- Support the professional growth and success of others, especially when in formal or informal mentoring roles.

Prohibited Personal Behaviors

- Harassment and intimidation, including verbal, written, or physical conduct that demeans, denigrates, threatens, intimidates, or coerces another person.
- Discrimination or exclusion based on gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, political perspective, national origin, or culture.
- Physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual abuse of any person.
- Assuming credit for the accomplishment of others.

Reporting

If you suspect or experience discrimination, sexual harassment, or retaliation toward yourself or others, please keep records or other evidence of specifics and report the conduct.

If you do not feel comfortable telling a person to stop inappropriate behavior, or if the behavior does not cease once you have made the request that it do so, you may seek assistance from an administrator, professor or counselor. Persons designated by the University as Responsible Employees are required to report sexual discrimination, harassment and misconduct reported to them. Other employees are encouraged to provide assistance and/or report.

If you would like to report the discrimination or harassment directly, you should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (<http://www.unl.edu/equity>) or call 402-472-3417 as soon as possible after the situation occurs. You may also submit your concerns to the Office of IEC using their online form:

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofNebraskaSystem&layout_id=116

]. If the issue is more serious you may submit an anonymous report to the University of Nebraska Police at: <http://www.unl.edu/tips-incident-reporting-system>. For critical emergencies call 911 or 2-2222 from a campus phone.

Violations of the expected behaviors or engaging in prohibited behaviors described above will necessitate meeting the departmental and college leadership to develop a corrective action plan that will be strictly enforced and time-bound. Egregious violations of policies, repeat offenses, or failure to conform to correction action plans will lead to dismissal from the department and potentially, the university.