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GOAL: Knowledge Of Counseling Education Literature

Objective	PHD Candidates Will Demonstrate Knowledge Of The Literature				
	Candidates of the Counselor Education PHD program will demonstrate knowledge of current literature in the field of counseling to conduct their own independent research.				
Indicator	Quality Dissertation Checklist The Quality Dissertation Checklist will be used to score the introduction, literature review, and methodology of the dissertation proposal.				
Criterion	 Committee Approval And 85% Rating On Checklist 1. All committee members must approve the proposal before the candidate can begin data collection. 2. 85% on the Quality Dissertation Checklist 				
Finding	 Knowledge Of Literature Findings Doctoral faculty have addressed previous delineated weaknesses in the following ways: 1. Faculty teaching the following doctoral research classes, COUN 7339, COUN 7363, COUN 7110 (APA Writing), and COUN 7372 have placed stronger emphasis on APA formatting and writing mechanics. 2. Faculty teaching the following doctoral research classes, COUN 7339, COUN 7339, COUN 7363, COUN 7110 (APA Writing), and COUN 7372 have placed stronger emphasis on literature review development, significance of each student's study, and greater detailing of methodology. 				
Finding	 Knowledge Of Literature Doctoral faculty have addressed the delineated weaknesses to knowledge of counseling education literature in the following ways: 1. Faculty teaching doctoral research courses, COUN 7110 (APA Publication style), COUN 7372, COUN 7339, COUN 7362, COUN 7373, COUN 7374, and COUN 7363 have placed stronger emphasis on student's ability to format and write according to proper APA Publication Style parameters. 2. Faculty teaching doctoral research courses, COUN 7110 (APA Publication Style parameters. 2. Faculty teaching doctoral research courses, COUN 7110 (APA Publication style), COUN 7372, COUN 7339, COUN 7362, COUN 7373, COUN 7374, and COUN 7363 have placed greater emphasis on development of more thoroughly researched literature reviews, more clearly stated significance of the study, and more detailed methodology for each student enrolled in these research courses. 3. Students in many of the aforementioned doctoral courses are expected to prepare and submit manuscripts for publication. 				

Actions for Objective:				
Action	Knowledge Of Literature Emphasize scholarly writing and publications within the doctoral program in preparation for students' role as scholars/teachers in the academy.			
GOAL: Research Competency				
Objective	Demonstrate Competency In Research			
	Candidates of the Counseling Education PHD program will demonstrate competency in research by planning, implementing, analyzing, and writing a scholarly dissertation based on original research.			
Indicator	Dissertation Checklist Committee Chair scores the Quality Dissertation Checklist			
Criterion	Checklist Score Degree candidates will score at least 95% with the understanding that 100% must be achieved before final dissertation approval and graduation.			
Finding	 Research Competency Doctoral faculty have addressed the delineated weaknesses to research competency in the following ways: 1. Students take a class on APA Publication style (COUN 7110). 2. Students are expected to accurately use APA writing and formatting guidelines in all doctoral courses. 3. In order to pass their final defense, doctoral students must present a dissertation document accurately formatted in APA style including writing mechanics as well as creation of tables and figures. The exception to APA style only occurs in areas delineated by SHSU's Dissertation Style Manual. 4. Students in many of the doctoral courses are expected to prepare and submit manuscripts for publication in accurate APA Publication style. 			
Actions for Objective:				
Action	Research Competency Emphasize competent facility with APA formatting and writing mechanics in all doctoral classes, and particularly in the writing and defense of the dissertation document.			

Closing the Loops Summary

Doctoral program faculty will place emphasis on doctoral students' development of competent facility with APA Publication style in all classes, with emphasis in the dissertation process, and their productivity of scholarly writing and publication to prepare them for the professorate.

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