Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education

Flow Chart Comprehensive Qualifying Exams & Dissertation Proposal Process

After all courses and cognates have been successfully completed, go to www.oakland.edu/hdcs/phd for resources on: (a) form to select committee, (b) proposal guide for in-depth paper, (c) qualifying exams information, and (d) dissertation proposal guidelines.

Update and/or finalize e-portfolio at the same time you are seeking signatures for your committee. Be certain to have completed your CITI training for IRB application.

Meet with advisor.
Discuss committee selection.

Select exam committee.
Obtain signatures.



Write a proposal for in-depth paper and submit for advisor review. See proposal guidelines for in-depth paper.



Work with advisor on proposal and submit to committee.



Write in-depth paper & submit by:
August 1st for October Exams
December 1st for February Exams

Paper approval.
Prepare for written exams.
Committee will develop
pool of questions.



Prepare for exams. Need 4-6 weeks to gather resources & prepare for exams.



October/February Exams
2 weekends or 1 week
Topics: theory, curriculum,
policy, methodology, cognate.
Final in-depth paper due.



After successful completion of written exams, oral presentation on in-depth paper. Present to committee.

Success of written exams and orals means you can begin writing dissertation proposal.



- 1) Begin dissertation proposal writing.
 Consult with advisor and committee.
- 2) Submit proposal to advisor and committee.

Dissertation proposal oral presentation to committee.

Develop & submit |
IRB with |
advisor approval.

Acceptance=
Begin
dissertation
study.