

PhD Students: From Candidacy to Registration of Dissertation Hours

1) PhD Candidacy

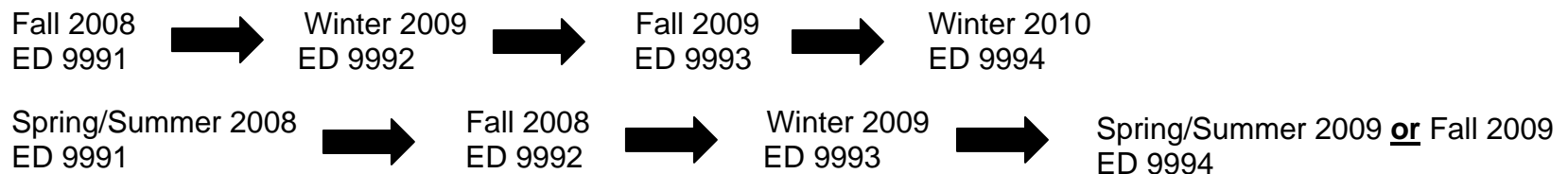
- a) Pass the Final Qualifying Examination (Written & Oral)
- b) Establish your Dissertation Advisory Committee (DAC) – minimum of four (4) members
 - Two members (including the chair) must have Regular Graduate Faculty Status (RGFS)
To view faculty with RGFS, visit <http://www.gradschool.wayne.edu/GradFaculty/db/GradFacultydb.asp>
 - A member outside the College of Education is required
 - If co-chairs, then five (5) members are required
- c) Complete and submit the Candidacy Form (requires signatures from all DAC members) to the Graduate Education Office in 489 Education.

2) Dissertation Research and Direction – (ED 9991 through ED 9994)

Once you become a PhD Candidate, you are eligible to register for Dissertation Hours:

ED 9991	Doctoral Candidate Status I: Dissertation Research and Direction (7.5)
ED 9992	Doctoral Candidate Status II: Dissertation Research and Direction (7.5)
ED 9993	Doctoral Candidate Status III: Dissertation Research and Direction (7.5)
ED 9994	Doctoral Candidate Status IV: Dissertation Research and Direction (7.5)

You must register over four (4) consecutive semesters (see examples below). Fall and Winter semesters are mandatory. Spring/Summer semester is optional.



To register, you must contact Ms. LoriGoe Perez in the Graduate School Office to obtain an override and the Course Reference Number (CRN). Ms. Perez may be reached through e-mail at al9639@wayne.edu or by calling (313) 577-2171. Registration is not automatic: You must obtain the CRN number and enter the CRN number in Pipeline—the same method as registering for a course. You must register each term for four (4) consecutive terms.

After completing the ED 9991 through ED 9994 sequence and if you need to be an active student to use the library (including online databases) to continue to work on your dissertation, please contact Ms. Perez to register for ED 9995, which is Candidate Maintenance Status credit.

During the semester of the Final Defense, you must be registered (usually ED 9994 or ED 9995).