

Dissertation Completion Pathway

Even the most motivated of students can run into difficulties when it comes to completing their dissertation and earning their doctoral degree. This leaves a large number of students near the end of their degree program, but unable to complete the dissertation process and graduate. Unfortunately, this is where many students end their academic career.

NCU's Dissertation Completion Pathway (DCP) offers students an opportunity to get back into a doctoral program and complete the dissertation process so they can transition from student to graduate.

DCP Details

Every doctoral program offered at NCU is eligible for the Dissertation Completion Pathway with the exception of Marriage and Family Therapy programs. To be considered for DCP, a student must have achieved doctoral candidacy from a regionally-accredited institution for a degree program and specialization offered by NCU. They must also have completed all required program coursework and left their program in good academic standing.

The DCP Difference

The Dissertation Completion Pathway is an innovative way for students to earn their doctoral degree. Not only does it utilize the same one-to-one learning model used throughout our other programs, it provides additional structure and support uniquely helpful for students working through the dissertation process. This level of guidance encourages forward momentum and successful completion.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 7-year maximum for block transfer of credits into an existing NCU degree program (from official transcripts)
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in previous doctoral program coursework
- Complete NCU Dissertation Completion Pathway Application with required documents
- Cannot be academically dismissed from previous doctoral program
- Must complete a phone or video interview with assigned NCU committee
- Completion of a memorandum of understanding and statement of intent
- Requires a minimum of 23 semester credit hours
- Official transcripts on file for all transfer credit hours accepted by the University
- Official documents on file for basis of admission
- All financial obligations to the University paid in full

PLEASE NOTE:

DCP cannot be completed entirely online. Students are required to meet with NCU faculty and staff in person during the course of the dissertation sequence.

You're so close to realizing your dream - let us help you cross the finish line.

Course and Tuition Information

The Dissertation Completion Pathway consists of at least eight courses. Four (4) bridge courses are required before students can enter the dissertation sequence. To help ensure success, students take one course at a time with the exception of the Dissertation Intensive course, which is taken concurrently with a bridge course during the sixth week of enrollment. The Dissertation Intensive course has its own tuition and includes a three-day in-person component.

The following chart shows current tuition rates for enrollment in DCP based on program.

Dissertation Completion Pathway	Min. Number of Courses	Cost Per Course	Learning Management Fee (LMF) (1 Time)	Total Cost w/ LMF & CMF	Dean's Preferred Schedule	Course Materials Fee (CMF) (Per Course)
Doctor of Education (EdD)	8	\$2,760	\$450	\$22,650	1 year, 9 months	\$110
PhD in Education (PhD-Ed)	8	\$3,453	\$450	\$27,501	1 year, 9 months	\$110
PhD in Psychology (PhD-PSY) (Direct Entry - Evaluation Track)	8	\$3,279	\$450	\$26,243	1 year, 9 months	\$105
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)	8	\$3,159	\$450	\$25,363	1 year, 9 months	\$100
PhD in Business Administration (PhD-BA)	8	\$3,717	\$450	\$29,269	1 year, 9 months	\$100
PhD in Organizational Leadership (PhD-OL)	8	\$3,669	\$450	\$28,813	1 year, 9 months	\$85
PhD in Technology and Innovation Management (PhD-TIM)	8	\$2,994	\$450	\$23,848	1 year, 9 months	\$55
PhD in Computer Science (PhD-CS)	8	\$3,021	\$450	\$24,477	1 year, 9 months	\$110

Dissertation Completion Pathway's Dissertation Intensive (DCP-8003/2 credits) \$2,000

Rates subject to change. Rates do not reflect current or future Preferred Tuition Rates

*Minimum of four, 12-week and maximum of four, 12-week, and eight, 8-week (as required for completing the required deliverable), for a total of 12 available dissertation courses.

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