Ed.D. Doctoral Planning Tool with Active Links to Resources
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Use this Planning Tool to set personal completion goals for each milestone. This is not a contract. This is only a planning tool that neither promises nor predicts the rate of student progress or time to degree completion. Time to completion will vary by student, depending on individual progress and credits transferred, if applicable. For a personalized estimate of your time to completion, call an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.

Students are required to show progress each term in order to receive satisfactory grades and remain in the program. The program limit is 8 years.

Insert Your Target Date

Sample Timeframe*

Collect & Analyze Data, write up all findings

Complete 1st draft of completed Capstone Study

Committee approves final draft using the appropriate rubric and/or checklist

Final to URR Review
Begin URR revisions

URR Approval

Form & Style Review

Final Oral Conference

Final URR Review

Final Study Approved by CAO

*Cumulative, based on 60 months for the entire program
Key Doctoral Process Resources Arranged Chronologically
(Links to What You Need, When You Need It)

All EdD HEAL candidates must complete a Project Study. *All* candidates enrolled after 1/1/2009 must complete a Project Study. Non-Heal students enrolled *before* 1/1/2009 may choose *either* Project or Research study. EdD SPED & ECE students also have a choice. Please confer with your program director if you have questions.


Residency Completion - Go to MyWalden and click on Student Center to find the Residency Center. All students should have completed a residency before beginning the doctoral process.

**Step 1: Prospectus-completed and approved in ePortfolio**
- You owe it to yourself: Survey the Resources at Find resources at [Student Support](#)
- Review My Doctoral Research (MyDR) tutorials
- Click to find the [Prospectus Guide](#)
- Click to find the [EdD Prospectus Template](#)
- Click to find the Prospectus [Rubric](#)
- Click to find and complete [Research Planning and Writing](#) tutorials
- Click and learn to love [revisions](#)

**Step 2: Proposal**
- Click to find the [EdD Doctoral Study Rubric](#)
- Click to find the [Design Alignment Tool](#)
- Click to find the [EdD Doctoral Study Writing Template](#)
- Be sure to study [Doctoral-Level Writing](#), including
  - Word Choice
  - Tone
  - Use of Evidence
- Click to [Ask a Librarian](#) for assistance
- Click to improve your skills in [Critical Reading](#) and [Critical Thinking](#)
- Click to review [Ethical Guides](#) for various types of research
Click to find doctoral webinars
- Trouble with Theoretical/Conceptual Framework? Research Approaches and Theoretical Frameworks
- Trouble with Literature Review? Literature Reviews; Common Errors Made When Conducting a Literature Review
- Trouble with Methodology? Research Design: A Tutorial

Click to find the Walden Library resource page Walden Library Capstone Resources. This is a great resource!

Have you planned for a major life event?
This cannot be scheduled but one should plan for it.
Find resources at Student Support and/or contact Academic Advising

- **Step 3: Proposal University Research Review (URR)**
  - Click to find Academic Integrity and Turnitin
  - Click to find the Univ. Research Review (URR) submission process
  - Click to find the URR Request Form and URR FAQs

- **Step 4: Proposal Oral Conference**
  - Click to find the Form to Schedule Proposal Conference
  - Click to find the Oral Presentation PowerPoint Template (optional, check with your chair)
  - Click (if you are the chair of a committee) to find the Proposal Approval Form

- **Step 5: Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval**
  - Double-check IRB Guides, FAQ, & Tutorials
  - Click to find the IRB Office Hours for Questions
  - Click to find the IRB application and all sample documents from the IRB Page of the CRQ website
  - Review Sample Documents for IRB

- **Step 6: Completion of Doctoral Study Final Draft**
  - Click to find Writing Center Resources, including:
    - Prewriting
• Writers Block
• And a good review of Scholarly Writing

☐ Step 7: URR Approval
  o Click to find the URR Steps for Doctoral Study submission process
  o Click to find more information about URR policies

☐ Step 8: Form and Style Review
  o Click for the Form & Style Timeline
  o Click for the Form & Style Form & Style checklist
  o For Doctoral Study answers from the Writing Center, email editor@waldenu.edu.

☐ Step 9: Doctoral Study Oral Conference
  o Click to find the Form to Schedule Proposal Conference
  o Click to find the Oral Presentation PowerPoint Template (optional, check with your chair)

☐ Step 10: Final URR Review
  o Click to find info about Abstracts at the Writing Center
  o Click to find Abstract Assistance at the Center for Research Quality

☐ Step 11: Chief Academic Officer Approval
  o Click to learn about Publishing through ProQuest
  o Click to find the Graduation Application
  o Click to learn about the Doctoral Study Award Program
  o Click to learn about Writing for Publication
  o Click to learn about Presidential Alumni Research Dissemination Awards

Finally, remember that your chair and other faculty members are your best resources for specific, content-related questions.