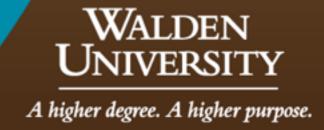
Defining and Supporting Professional Doctorates in Higher Education

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Background

About the Presenting Need

- University-wide Effort Around Doctoral Quality
- Challenge of the Professional Doctorates

About the White Paper

- What is a Professional Doctorate?
 - In relation to Ph.D. distinctions
- The Methodology
- The Outcome
 - Guidance for Program Development & Evaluation

- Equal but Different
 - Pro.Doc is not and should not be a "Ph.D. Lite"
 - Both Should be Doctoral Level
- The Formation of Scholars
 - Stewardship
 - Generation
 - Conservation
 - Transformation
 - Advocacy (our addition)
 - Stewards of the Discipline vs. Practice
 - Applied Disciplines... e.g. Education?

Beyond a Masters Degree

- What allows a student to "practice"
 - Masters-level credential for admissions.

Research Training

- Most Challenging Area
- Key Assumptions
 - Knowledge Grounded in Practice-Application
 - Practice must be guided by Research
 - R & P to Assure Positive Social Change
- The Seven Competency Areas

- Research Training cont.
 - Research Skills vs. Data Literacy
 - The Purpose of Knowledge for Stewards
 - Involvement of the "industry" leaders
 - Data "culture" in the Professions
- The Doctoral Capstone
 - Dissertation vs. Doctoral/Project Studies
 - Litmus Test for Doctoral Research Question
 - Justified, Grounded, Original, Researchable
 - 1 Guide vs. 6+ Guides

- Faculty Expectations and Training
 - Who Should Teach Whom?
 - The Deconstructed Professor
- Supplemental Competencies
 - Specialized Experiences
- Implementation of Recommendations
 - Program Development
 - An Existing Ph.D.?
 - Program Evaluation
 - Internal and External (Accreditation)

Summary and Q&A

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- Materials
 - http://researchcenter.waldenu.edu/Research-Resources.htm