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# Overview Doctoral Education at UNO: Past, Present, and Future

# Doctoral Education at UNO

- Initial programs “collaborative” with UNL
  - Educational Administration
  - Psychology
- First UNO only programs in early 1990s
  - Criminology and Criminal Justice
  - Public Administration
- Information Technology

# Doctoral Education

- Recent additions
  - Exercise Science
  - Biomedical Informatics (with UNMC)
- In progress programs
  - Translational Biology
  - Gerontology

# Doctoral Education

- Doctoral Research University classification
  - 2010 classification
  - Minimum of 20 doctoral degrees annually
- Doctoral programs of the future
  - Focused on UNO's unique expertise and mission
  - Collaborative (interdisciplinary; UNMC)
  - Targeted audiences with need and demand



# **Role of the Faculty Senate and the Academic & Curricular Affairs Committee in Program/Proposal Approval**

# Roles of Faculty Senate and Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee



## Role in Proposal Approval: Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee

- *Responsibilities of committee for the Faculty Senate:*
  - Coordination of curricular review procedures
  - Oversight of academic standards
  - Write resolutions in favor or against a proposal to be voted on by Faculty Senate

# Role in Proposal Approval: Academic and Curricular Affairs Committee

- *Role of committee for administration:*
  - Check proposals for clarity and understanding
  - Determine the overall fit of the proposal for UNO
    - Need/demand of the program
  - Determine if the proposal represents the faculty voice
  - Maintain an efficient turnaround time
  - Offer feedback/critiques and suggestions



# Role in Proposal Approval: Faculty Senate

- Representative from A&CA discusses proposal and resolution
- Faculty Senate discussion of resolution
  - Amendments if necessary
  - Comments can be forwarded
- Faculty Senate votes on resolution



# College of Education Doctoral Programs

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Doctor of Education in Educational Administration (EdD)

- **From 1987 to 2015, 175 graduates**
- **2015 – 18 hooded**
- **2015 – 20 admitted**

Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science (PhD)

- **Started in 2011**
- **First graduate, Fall 2015**
- **2015-16, 10 students in program**



## Doctor of Education in Educational Administration (EdD)

- 9 hours of doctoral seminars
- 12 hours of research
- 12 or more electives
- 12 dissertation hours
- Total 96 required hours



## Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science (PhD)

- Tracks
  - Biomechanics
  - Physiology of Exercise
  - Motor Development and Control
  - Physical Activity Promotion
- 21 hours of research core
- 15 hours of track courses
- 9 hours elective
- 15 dissertation hours
- Total 60 hours + 30 hours from MS required



# Educational Administration Community Partnerships

- Symposium in School Leadership
- Superintendent Internship
- Assessment Taskforce/Research Design
- NBPTS Certificate support program
- Midwest Superintendents' Academy
- District Leadership Focus Groups
- Nationally recognized speakers forums



# Exercise Science Collaborations and Partnerships

- UNMC
- Veterans' Affairs Medical Center
- CHI Health
- Autism Speaks
- NASA Nebraska Space Grant
- US Department of Defense
- Quality Living, Inc.
- Many others



# Exercise Science Seminar Series



- Brings prominent scientists to speak to our students and faculty
- More than 40 national speakers since program's inception
- Also forum for students to present work and receive crucial feedback



# 2 Highly Successful Programs!

## Educational Administration EdD

- A practitioner's degree, research that is embedded in the issues of school leadership:
  - Social justice
  - Program effectiveness
  - Technology
  - Curriculum application
  - Leadership

## Exercise Science Ph.D

- Prepare graduates to conduct research in an academic setting:
  - Design and evaluate research projects
  - Determine funding sources and write grants
  - Teaching and mentoring



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# The Doctoral Student Perspective

# Recruitment

- Involved multiple faculty members
- Emphasized interest and fit
- Campus visits
  - consisted of a purposefully developed itinerary that highlighted engagement



# Onboarding & Acculturation



- Doctoral students in our program are situated in an interesting nexus between student and colleague
- Doctoral student orientation
- Annual reviews and meetings



# Matriculation

- Cohort model
- Balanced research and teaching experience



# Placement

- Students are viewed as the product of our program, not that of an individual/group of faculty.
- Professional development
  - Mock interviews, personal phone calls, letters of recommendation, co-authoring and lots of opportunities to travel to conferences (including inter-departmental presentations prior to conference presentation).



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