

Doctor of Education in Leadership
Lewis & Clark
Final Steps of the Dissertation Process

- ☐ 1. The candidate will **schedule a defense date** with the chair of the dissertation committee at least **3 weeks in advance of the proposed date**. The chair will then confirm the availability of the other committee members. Committee members who will be out of town may still attend a defense via video, web, or telephonic conferencing. In the event that a committee member will be unable to attend a candidate's defense, arrangements should be made for a substitution. Substitute arrangements need to be approved by the director of the doctoral program.
- ☐ 2. At least **two weeks prior to the defense date**, the candidate will obtain the Dissertation Chair's signature on the "Dissertation Defense Schedule Request" and file it with the program office. An electronic copy of the dissertation abstract is to be filed with the program office at that time. It will be included in the announcement to the graduate community. Once the program office is notified, a room will be scheduled for the defense.
- ☐ 3. The candidate will provide each member of the dissertation committee with a defensible **draft manuscript at least (10) working days prior to the defense date**. A "defensible draft" is defined as a draft that, in the opinion of the Committee Chair and the candidate, is a complete and final report of their research and argumentation and the manuscript fully complies with the Graduate School's expectations for style and format.
- ☐ 4. At least **five (5) working days prior to the defense**, an announcement of the time and location of the defense will be sent to the Graduate Faculty and the other doctoral students. A notice will be posted on the main bulletin board at the entrance to Rogers Hall and the Educational Leadership Bulletin Board next to the program office. In addition, a notice will be posted on the Educational Leadership webpage under **Events** and will appear in the campus-wide online calendar.
- ☐ 5. **Defense Day** - The Committee will confer privately immediately following the defense to assess whether the dissertation and the defense met all departmental requirements and accepted standards for publishable work. If the committee determines the work meets these standards, all **committee members will sign 2 copies of the Dissertation Defense Approval form**. These forms should be immediately delivered to the program office. Frequently, even when a dissertation has been deemed acceptable, some minor revisions might still be required. However, if the candidate commits to make these changes, the committee will not be expected to re-convene.
- ☐ 6. Also on Defense Day, the Ed Leadership Office will provide your committee with **three copies of your Dissertation Signature Page** for signature. They will be in accord with current style requirements and be printed on 8 ½ " x 11" paper with at least 25% cotton content. The program office will hold these until the library copies of your dissertation are submitted. At that time they will be integrated into the two library copies. There will be an extra approval page available for you.

- ☐ 7. Should, however, the committee conclude that significant revisions are still necessary (ex: a re-analysis of data), the committee and candidate will be expected to schedule a second defense and the signature pages remain unsigned.
- ☐ 8. After receiving approval from the student's dissertation committee the candidate will **submit the complete manuscript to the copy editor** approved by the Educational Leadership program for final review. The editor will review the manuscript to ensure that it complies with expectations found in the Doctor of Education in Leadership: Style and Policy Manual for Dissertations (2010-2011) as well as check for common errors in mechanics and usage.¹
- ☐ 9. Following the editing of the dissertation, the **copy editor will send an electronic copy (Word document) of the finished edition** to both the candidate and the program office. The program office will convert it to a pdf file and forward it to the candidate along with instructions for uploading to UMI and an invoice for the candidate's portion of the copy editing expense. The candidate is encouraged to print out the library copies from the Word document received from the copy editor.
- ☐ 10. **Submission to UMI.** The Graduate School of Education and Counseling has chosen to use the services of UMI to store students' dissertations. Candidates are required to choose **Open Access** publishing so that their dissertation will be available to other scholars. They are also required to **allow UMI to file for copyright of their manuscript**. The specific details required to submit a dissertation to UMI may be obtained from the program office at (503) 768-6080.
- ☐ 11. In addition to uploading their dissertation to UMI, candidates must submit **two unbound library copies of the dissertation to the Program Office, Rogers Hall, Room 308**. These copies are to be printed on **8 ½" x 11 paper which has at least 25% cotton content**.
- ☐ 12. The degree will not be considered complete until the candidate's portion of the **copy editing expenses have been paid**. Checks are to be made out to "Lewis & Clark" and submitted to the program office.
- ☐ 13. When all of the above steps have been completed, **all grades for EDLL 750 will be converted from "Deferred" to "Pass."** This grade change will allow for the **awarding of the Ed.D. degree**.
- ☐ 14. Congratulations, you have completed your degree! Contact the Registrar's Office to pick up your diploma.

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¹ The department will cover all the editing costs if and when the editing takes less than 8 hours. Should a manuscript require more than 8 hours of editing, it will be the student's responsibility to reimburse the department for the cost of additional editing at a rate of \$20 per hour.