

**Resolution Establishing the Minimum Requirements for
Clinical/Professional Doctoral Programs
Faculty Senate
Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committee
Approved May 4, 2015**

Whereas in November, 2009, the Graduate Council established minimum credit hours for graduate programs at 30 semester hours beyond the baccalaureate for master's degrees and 90 semester hours beyond the baccalaureate for doctoral degrees; and

Whereas the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (2006), the Council of Graduate Schools (2007), the Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study, and various national accrediting boards and professional societies recognize that clinical/professional doctoral programs promote an advanced level of expertise of individuals in professional practice, position professionals to assume leadership positions in the workplace, and prepare professionals to, integrate and apply research at organizational, community, and policy levels; and

Whereas current doctoral degree requirements at Ohio University focus exclusively on a requirements for achievement of a research doctorate, including a dissertation; and

Whereas a research doctorate is designed to prepare scholars in the sciences, humanities and the arts to carry out significant research and produce scholarly work, a clinical/professional doctorate is designed to prepare individuals to analyze and apply basic research to specialized professional areas;

BE IT RESOLVED that from Fall 2015 the minimum number of semester hours for conferral of a clinical/professional doctoral degree beyond the bachelor's degree be at least 70 semester hours* when this number of credit hours meets or exceeds the standards of the disciplinary accrediting board or the national norm for the doctorate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from Fall 2015 the minimum number of semester hours for conferral of a clinical/professional doctoral degree beyond achievement of a related clinical/professional master's degree be at least 36 semester hours when this number of credit hours meets or exceeds the standards of the disciplinary accrediting board or the national norm for the doctorate.

*On April 10, 2015 Graduate Council voted to support this resolution establishing a minimum of 70 semester credit hours for the clinical/professional doctoral degree beyond the bachelor's degree.