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EMP 990: Dissertation Research and Writing Project
(6 credits)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The final project is the cornerstone of graduate degree work. It may take any of several forms, quantitative, qualitative, or participatory action research, or a major project demonstrating excellence, depending upon the expectations of the program faculty. In whatever form it takes, it must represent original work by the participant. At the masters level, it is the demonstration of mastery of an advanced body of knowledge in a given field. At the doctoral level, it is an original contribution to the field. The final project will take the form of a standard “traditional” dissertation of 100 or more typewritten pages for the dissertation. The document will conform to the guidelines of the University, the expectations of faculty, and an acceptable style manual.

COURSE AUDIENCE and PREREQUISITES

This course is open to doctoral candidates in Energy Medicine who have successfully completed their Qualifying Examination (A-Exam) in EMP 980 and are ready to formally complete their dissertation research project.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

In the course of the research project each student will:

- Effectively plan and complete a major work of research (or a major project in lieu of research) which permits the demonstration of excellence within the student’s general area of study.
- State a problem or formulate a hypothesis for intensive study and research.
- Prepare and accomplish the overall design of a project, an experiment or a critical analysis and synthesis in the chosen field of study.
- Plan and accomplish the effective interpretation of data and information from the planned study.
- Determine and use techniques for drawing valid conclusions.
- Understand the proper manner of reporting results to other scholars within the field of study and carry out such communication.
- Understand and use the guidelines that govern the structuring of the academic argument, the presentation of the scholarly discussion, and the formatting of the document.

COURSE DELIVERY STYLE

Distance Education - Coursework is completed at a location determined by the student utilizing a computer that has the ability to play audio and video clips, with Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Reader, along with a current web browser, internet connection and email address. Contact and communication with distance students is typically conducted by telephone, Internet, Skype, text chat, and email. Students are also encouraged to contact the University by facsimiles, and postal mail, and by personal visit to the University.

All lessons, coursework and papers must be copied to lessons@energymedicineuniversity.org from both the student and professor.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

STEP #1:

Complete the library research elements in preparation for initiating the research that was approved by the committee during the Qualifying exam in EMP 980. Begin in depth evaluation of the reading materials, maintain complete and careful notations of the salient points of all readings.

STEP #2:

Carefully complete preparatory readings. Continue to build the annotated bibliography begun in EMP 980 Dissertation Proposal and Qualifying Exam.

STEP #3:

Get the approval of the Chair to begin the research project, and accomplish the research data gathering phase of the project. If human experimentation is a part of the research protocol, acquire any necessary and appropriate review and certification from an Institutional Review Board.

STEP #4:

Revise the proposed manuscript outline developed in EMP 980 Dissertation Proposal and Qualifying Exam.

STEP #5:

Submit a polished draft of the Dissertation package to peer review.

STEP #6:

Make required changes in the documents and submit a polished draft of the Dissertation package for review and approval by the Chair.

STEP #7:

Revise the Dissertation in accordance with the feedback received from the Chair.

STEP #8:

Final draft for the Defense of Dissertation will be sent to all members of the committee and the student will proceed to the defense of the dissertation in accordance with the syllabus for EMP 991 Dissertation Defense.