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Department of Curriculum and Instruction Specification of Dissertation Chair Form

Doctoral students in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction are assigned to a *Doctoral Advisor* at the beginning of their program. Before the end of the program coursework, doctoral students are expected to select and explicitly ask a faculty member if they are willing to serve as their *Dissertation Chair*. Whereas the *Doctoral Advisor* provides guidance to the student on coursework and extracurricular research or teaching activities during the program, the faculty member who serves as a student’s *Dissertation Chair* leads and guides a doctoral student through the process of writing and defending their culminating dissertation study. While a student’s *Doctoral Advisor* may continue on to serve as the student’s *Dissertation Chair* (after the student has made an explicit request to the advisor), a doctoral student is also free to choose a different faculty member to serve as their *Dissertation Chair* than who served as their *Doctoral Advisor*.

Doctoral students must:

1. Select a *Dissertation Chair* within their final year of coursework and the semester **before** the following courses (whichever the doctoral student enrolls in first):
 - a. EDG 7944 (Research in Curriculum and Instruction)
 - b. EDG 7482 (or approved equivalent) (Advanced Research)
2. Explicitly ask and receive agreement from a faculty member to serve as their *Dissertation Chair*

Once this selection has been made and agreed upon, please complete the information below:

Date: _____

Student Name: _____
Last First

Student Z#: _____

Student FAU Email: _____

Name of Doctoral Advisor until this point in the program: _____

Doctoral Advisor Signature: _____

Name of Dissertation Chair moving forward: _____

Courses remaining for student to complete: _____

Tentative semester for completing qualifying exam: _____

Dissertation Chair Signature: _____

Department Chair Signature: _____