

**Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation  
Health Psychology Ph.D. Program**

Purpose: The purpose of advancement is to identify students who have the abilities and motivation to successfully propose and defend their Ph.D. in a timely manner.

Timing: The application for Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation application should be submitted to the Health Psychology Program during the semester that the MA thesis is successfully defended, and should precede registration for Dissertation credits (or completion of the proposal defense). Students entering the program with an MA should complete the Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation application during the semester that s/he completes the First Year project. Course requirements are those associated with successful completion of the MA. Students should present their MA and First Year projects in a Psychology Department colloquium, though this is not required for Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation.

Materials: Students should complete the Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation application and submit all related materials to the Health Psychology Program for consideration. The Graduate School's application for candidacy may be completed at the time of the Dissertation proposal defense.

Review Process: Applications for Department of Psychology Evaluation of Advancement to Dissertation will be evaluated by the Health Psychology Faculty. Faculty may choose to review applications during a scheduled meeting or via e mail. However, the applicant will be reviewed at a scheduled meeting if any faculty member requests it.