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| Year in Program | Progress Toward Professional Involvement and Directed Research |
| Year 1 | *Professional Organization*: Membership in at least 2 professional organizations at the local, state, or national level. |
| Year 2 | *Professional Organization*: (a) Continued membership in at least 2 professional organizations AND (b) participation in at least one conference.  *Study Topic*: A research/study topic (proposal idea) submitted to your Advisor.  *Comprehensive Exam Committee*: Members of committee established and planning for comprehensive exam underway. |
| Year 3 | *Professional Organization*: (a) Continued membership in at least 2 professional organizations AND (b) participation in at least one conference AND (c) paper and/or poster presentation given to at least one professional organization (if not already done).  *Study Topic*: Completed  *Comprehensive Exam Committee*: Completed  *Individual Research Project*: Completion of a small, faculty directed research project (i.e., small intervention study; comprehensive literature review/meta-analysis; final assignment from a class focused on analysis/synthesis of literature; collaboration on a research project that lead to independent analysis of existing data; pilot study, etc.).  *Comprehensive Exams*: Successful completion of both written and oral examinations. |
| Year 4 | *Professional Organization*: (a) Continued membership in at least 2 professional organizations AND (b) participation in at least one conference AND (c) paper and/or poster presentation given to at least one professional organization (if not already done).  *Study Topic*: Completed  *Comprehensive Exam Committee*: Completed  *Individual Research Project*: Completed or Nearing Completion  *Comprehensive Exams*: Completed  *Dissertation Phase Committee*: Members of committee established, and appropriate form submitted.  *Dissertation Proposal*: Successful defense of the dissertation proposal (required prior to beginning internship). |
| Year 5 | *Professional Organization*: (a) Continued membership in at least 2 professional organizations AND (b) participation in at least one conference AND (c) paper and/or poster presentation given to at least one professional organization. (if not already done).  *Study Topic*: Completed  *Comprehensive Exam Committee*: Completed  *Individual Research Project*: Completed  *Comprehensive Exams*: Completed  *Dissertation Phase Committee*: Completed  *Dissertation Proposal*: Completed  *Dissertation Progress Towards Defense of Dissertation:* Ongoing or Complete |
| Year 6+ | *Professional Organization*: (a) Continued membership in at least 2 professional organizations AND (b) participation in at least one conference AND (c) paper and/or poster presentation given to at least one professional organization (if not already done).  *Dissertation Progress Towards Defense of Dissertation:* Ongoing or Complete |