

UAC Discussion
February 27, 2015

Graduate School of Education and Psychology
Fully Employed Ph.D. for Working Professionals: Ph.D. in Global
Leadership and Change

The following points were discussed regarding GSEP's proposal for the Ph.D. in Global Leadership and Change at the UAC meeting on February 27, 2015.

- Can Master's courses be transferred to the Ph.D. program?
 - Yes, a maximum of 8 units of master's coursework can be transferred to the Ph.D. program.
- How much overlap in coursework is there for students in the Ed.D. program?
 - Ed.D. students can qualify for up to 39 transfer units (out of 63), depending on course compatibility. There is no time limit on when the units to be transferred were taken. The EDOL Ph.D. program committee would make all decisions regarding compatible transfer credits.
- Do current Ed.D. students who want to enroll in the Ph.D. program need to go through the admissions process?
 - Yes, because the Ph.D. admissions process has different requirements.
- Can students earn two doctorates (i.e., an Ed.D. and a Ph.D.)?
 - GSEP will discuss this possibility with the Registrar's office.
- Will the Education division increase faculty?
 - The Education division has requested two additional faculty positions. A third faculty member will be returning from leave to help facilitate the program as well.
- What does the peer-reviewed journal article requirement mean?
 - Students will have one year to write their manuscript and submit to a minimum of three journals. Faculty members will help students target three journals in their field. If the article is not accepted, faculty members will have the final discretion and can give the student a grade of "IP" if they feel he/she is on the right trajectory.
- How does the program fit with the University's Christian mission?
 - Issues of faith are more than welcome in any class discussion. Ethics is also part of every conversation.

All of GSEP's faculty live a life of faith. The curriculum map for the program does support the Institutional Learning Outcomes, which directly relate to Pepperdine's mission. Some UAC members expressed that they would have liked to see the mission more explicitly connected to the proposal rather than simply implied.

- Is it prudent to market this program for Fall 2015 even though it has not gone through WASC review yet?
 - According to WASC review standards, this program meets the 6-month time frame. UAC must approve the proposal before an application is submitted to WASC. Once the application is accepted, GSEP has three months to submit a full proposal. After the proposal is accepted, WASC will schedule a site visit to confirm that what the proposal promises is accurate. WASC wants to see the first group of students, so it is beneficial to start advertising now (pending WASC approval) and to launch the program in the fall.
- **Approval of this proposal is contingent upon changing the course prefix to PGLC. UAC would like to receive updates as this proposal goes through the WASC process.**