PSYC 6398.063 Dissertation
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Catalog Description: PSYC 6398 is a dissertation writing course for doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology PhD program. Students will work to write a comprehensive and exhaustive literature review and design the methods, procedures, and proposed analyses of their dissertation project under the direction of their primary research advisor. The final work product for this class is the dissertation proposal. Dissertations must be data driven and empirical in nature and represent the student's contributions to the research literature. The dissertation is the final research project in the program, represents their own contributions to the literature, and is expected to be well-designed and meaningful in scope. Dissertation projects address problems or gaps in science or the field of study. Students will work to complete their dissertation proposal document and defend their dissertation proposal to a committee of three (3) graduate research faculty. Students should contact prospective committee members prior to enrolling in PSYC 6398 and ensure that their committee is assembled prior to registration.
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LEARNING OUTCOMES:
After the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1) Conduct a review of the literature
2) Integrate research methods and statistics
3) Demonstrate the ability to generate an original project
Learning and Evaluative Activities
Progress towards the dissertation project will be evaluated through regular meetings with the dissertation advisor. The student is expected to produce drafts of the proposed dissertation project, conduct literature reviews as directed, and follow advisor and committee suggestions in moving forward.