

June 15, 2018

Dear Educational Leadership Doctoral Student:

On behalf of the Educational Leadership Program, I am writing to congratulate you for reaching an important milestone in your doctoral coursework and to inform you that you are therefore required to submit your doctoral portfolio by **Monday, October 1, 2018 (11:59 pm)**. Information on the process is below. This letter is also posted on the Doctoral Portfolio Blackboard site.

Eligibility Criteria for Submission of Portfolio

Leadership program candidates must submit a portfolio when they meet the following criteria:

1. Completed (since matriculation) 18 or more credit hours by the portfolio due date,
2. Completed ED 506 - Concepts and Issues in Social Science Research, and
3. Completed one additional Leadership Program doctoral-level course.

If you have questions regarding your **eligibility** for the portfolio, please contact Claire Urbanowicz. The Educational Leadership program will assign a failing grade to any candidate who is required to submit a portfolio but does not do so. A candidate who does not pass the portfolio after two submissions will be withdrawn from the program.

Purpose of the Portfolio Evaluation

The purpose of the portfolio evaluation is to provide you with feedback on your progress. Specifically, the evaluation allows the Educational Leadership faculty to assess at an early point in your program (1) the appropriateness of your Program of Study; (2) the quality of your writing, (3) your course grades, and (4) anticipated research focus.

Portfolio Registration Process

Candidates must register for the Portfolio Review according to the following criteria:

1. Candidates will register in the fall semester, following notification from the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies that they are required to submit a portfolio, according to the guidelines specified.
2. Candidates will register for the portfolio by program:
 - a. EDE 560 Portfolio Review: Educational Leadership (including Higher Education and Education Policy and Theory) – 0 credit hours
 - b. EDE 561 Portfolio Review: Teaching & Curriculum - 0 credit hours
 - c. EDE 562 Portfolio Review: Counseling & Human Development – 0 credit hours
3. Candidates will receive a grade when the review is complete – Satisfactory (S) or Failure (E).

Required for the Portfolio Materials

Your portfolio must include the following materials:

1. A curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Completed Program of Study (POS): You need to make certain that you have an approved POS on record with Student Services. If you are unsure whether you have a completed POS on file with Student Services, you may confirm with Claire Urbanowicz.
3. Personal Narrative: The personal narrative should be no more than five (5) double-spaced pages (12 point font). In the narrative, you should do the following:
 - Explain how your current and anticipated coursework and other doctoral experiences (such as assistantships) have contributed to a coherent trajectory of intellectual growth and scholarship, and you should indicate the future direction of your doctoral study. You should avoid providing a chronological account of your coursework.
 - Describe your *anticipated* dissertation focus. The Leadership faculty recognizes that your focus may change after your portfolio and as you progress further toward degree completion.
 - Explain the selection of the paper you submitted with your portfolio.
4. Single Authored Paper: The paper must (1) be single-authored and (2) demonstrate your ability to conduct a literature review (i.e., the paper must have one or more sections that reviews academic literature). The paper must provide instructor's feedback/comments. If you made revisions to the paper in response to the instructor's comments, please include a copy of the revised paper as well. If you do not have a Warner doctoral course paper that is single authored and demonstrates your ability to conduct a literature review, you will need to write or revise a paper that meets the conditions for the portfolio (10-15 pages, double spaced, 12 point font, with a minimum of 10 references). You should meet with your advisor before writing a new paper for the portfolio.

Advisor/Faculty Role in Portfolio Preparation

You are encouraged to speak with your advisor about preparing your personal narrative and selecting the single authored paper you will include in the portfolio. However, your advisor is not permitted to review your narrative before submission. You may consult Writing Support Services to review your narrative.

Submission Process

Candidates are required to submit their portfolio via Blackboard. Please log into your Blackboard home page (<https://learn.rochester.edu>) to begin the process. In your "Organizations" area you will find a new Warner School Organization:

Warner School Org. – EL Doctoral Portfolio – Your last name. Click on the Doctoral Portfolio Button and you will find a folder with your name. Click on that folder and you will find subfolders into which you will upload your materials.

Remember, you must submit your completed materials by **Monday, October 1, 2018 (11:59pm)**. If you need to scan materials such as your papers, scanning equipment is available in the Warner computer lab. **If you have questions regarding your portfolio submission on Blackboard contact Kristine Mager (kmager@warner.rochester.edu).**

Evaluation Process

The Leadership faculty will evaluate your portfolio, soliciting input from your program advisor as well as your course instructors.

It is important to underscore that the Educational Leadership faculty will evaluate your portfolio with a view to the future based, in part, on past performance. The faculty will determine whether your portfolio demonstrates your ability to successfully complete your coursework and master the knowledge and skills (e.g., analytical and writing) to complete a dissertation. The committee will be looking for evidence that identifies coherence between your interests, Program of Study, motives, and scholarly work and trajectory. Again, you should use your personal narrative to make clear the coherence of your program, intellectual growth and trajectory, and how you plan to achieve your program goals.

Note: It is possible for a candidate to not "pass" a portfolio, even though the course paper included in the portfolio was given a grade of "B" or higher by a Warner faculty member. Producing a passing paper for a specific course assignment does not necessarily mean that you have met the portfolio requirements.

Notification of Candidates Regarding Results of Portfolio Assessment

The Leadership Program Chair will communicate the results of the portfolio evaluation by **November 30, 2018**. The chair will communicate the results of the portfolio evaluation in a letter that will include the decision to pass or fail the portfolio as well as specific feedback regarding your current and projected progress toward degree completion and suggestions or requirements in terms of writing and scholarly direction. There are four possible decisions following the portfolio review:

1. **Pass** - your progress is acceptable or even exemplary, and there are no qualifications or conditions;
2. **Qualified Pass** - your progress is acceptable, but the faculty felt there were concerns that need to be addressed;
3. **Conditional Pass**, your progress will be deemed acceptable if you meet certain conditions; and
4. **Fail** - your progress is unacceptable.

A candidate who fails the portfolio after two required submissions or has not met the terms of a conditional pass will be involuntarily withdrawn from their program.

Procedures Following Notification of Results

Faculty expects you to meet with your advisor to receive further feedback about your evaluation. Candidates who receive a conditional pass or fail the portfolio will receive specific feedback about what steps need to be taken to improve the portfolio for the second submission.

On behalf of the Leadership faculty, I congratulate you on reaching an important milestone in your doctoral program. If you have questions about this letter or any other issue concerning the portfolio, please contact Claire Urbanowicz.

Sincerely yours,



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