

<b>FACULTY SENATE ISSUE FORM</b>
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<b>Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced):</b>
Graduate Catalog Edit: Doctoral Degrees
<b>Description of Issue:</b>
]The Graduate Administrators' Council approved updated language to the Doctoral Degrees listing in the Graduate Catalog.
<b>Rational for Submission:</b>
That language clarifies doctoral hours of study.
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2. Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
3. Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), and the
4. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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