

PHARMACEUTICAL OUTCOMES & POLICY

TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF PH.D.

Below is the timetable describing the faculty's expectations of graduate student progress. Summer sessions are counted as a semester. Students may meet these milestones earlier than the indicated timeframe but delays must be addressed with input from the faculty advisor and noted in the student's annual progress report. Annual reports are required from each student at the beginning of Summer A term and should be entered into student's COPSHARE folder

First Year

Semester 1, Fall

- ❑ Visit each graduate faculty member and learn his or her research interests by the end of the first month in the Ph.D. program.
- ❑ Begin working on a research project with your temporary advisor or with a faculty member whose research interests parallel your own. (Develop research problems and questions of interest to you).

Semester 2, Spring

- ❑ Continue coursework.
- ❑ Continue research involvement.
- ❑ Discuss focus area and dissertation research interests with as many faculty as possible to help refine conceptualization of research problem and questions of interest
- ❑ Submit research questions of interest to temporary advisor, refine, and post in personal folder in COPSHARE
- ❑ Review manuscript. Students will be responsible for arranging for the opportunity to review a submitted manuscript with a faculty member. After discussion with the faculty member responsible for submitting the manuscript review, review should be posted in COPSHARE

Semester 3, Summer

- ❑ Select a focus area, a major professor and, with this professor's advice, choose internal members of supervisory committee.
- ❑ Have an initial plan of study to develop depth in focus area approved by major professor and members of supervisory committee
- ❑ Take first preliminary exam over coursework and competencies to be met at the end of the first year.

Second Year

Semester 4, Fall

- ❑ Complete most core courses and take specialty courses in focus area
- ❑ Describe specific dissertation topic and research questions (file in COPSHARE)
- ❑ Begin developing dissertation proposal

Semester 5, Spring

- ❑ Have meeting with supervisory committee to review dissertation research questions and brief presentation of research plan. Plan of study should be reviewed to determine coursework or special study needed to address research questions. (file in COPSHARE)

Semester 6, Summer

- ❑ A poster or podium presentation must have been accepted or presented based on research conducted at UF. A faculty advisor must review abstracts or posters before submission or presentation. (file in COPSHARE)
- ❑ Complete course “Data analysis and interpretation” and pass the second portion of the preliminary exam.

Third Year

- ❑ Complete all coursework in focus area
- ❑ Complete dissertation research proposal
- ❑ Submit manuscript. A manuscript must be submitted for publication before student can sit for the qualifying exam. (file in COPSHARE)
- ❑ Take qualifying examination (Ph.D. candidacy exam) and present research proposal to supervisory committee
- ❑ Write proposal to fund dissertation research and provide to student stipend support for remainder of the Ph.D. program

Fourth Year

- ❑ Complete research project
- ❑ Write dissertation
- ❑ Take final oral examination (defense of dissertation)