

Appendix C

Self-Initiated Archival Dataset for Dissertations

The UNT Clinical Psychology Program allows graduate students to utilize archival data sets, when deemed appropriate, as the basis of a thesis or dissertation. A timing problem occasionally occurs when a doctoral student enters the program with a thesis that is accepted by the DCT as meeting the Clinical Program's standards. The student's dissertation proposal must wait until the general and clinical core courses are successfully completed, and the qualifying exam is passed. This sequence could delay data collection by several years.

The Clinical Committee discourages dissertation-delayed students from collecting their own dissertation data without the proper oversight. Oversight is provided by the following procedures:

1. The student must meet the basic requirements: The student must be in good standing with a master's thesis from a different university that met the UNT Clinical Program's standards.
2. The student must complete the IRB application.
3. The student must also complete a 1-2 page summary entitled "Methodological Review of Proposed Self-Initiated Archival Dataset for Dissertations."
4. The major professor and one other clinical faculty must initial the Methodological Review as "adequate to proceed." If the major professor is not a member of the clinical faculty, then a second clinical faculty must also initial it.

The following outline should be followed for the Methodological Review

1. List of Research Questions with Proposed Analyses
2. Power Analysis
3. List of Measures
4. Population and Inclusion Criteria
5. Statement by the Student and Review by Faculty (see below)

Statement by the Student:

I realize that this is simply a methodological review regarding the adequacy of the sample and methods to address the research questions. I understand it will be entirely the responsibility of my dissertation committee to decide whether my proposal is adequate in terms of its scholarship, originality, and contributions to research.

Signature

Name

Date

Clinical Faculty Review:

This Self-Initiated Archival Dataset is "adequate to proceed" but with no assurances as to its success at the proposal or defense stages.

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