Example Doctoral Milestone Timelines

The following suggested timelines for doctoral milestones has been created by students.

* Post-bac (5-year plan + internship)
* Post-bac (4-year plan + internship)
* Post-master’s from another institution (4-year plan + internship)
* Post-master’s from UNL CoPsych (3-year plan + internship)

Please consult with your advisor throughout the course of your program to ensure you are on track. For more information about doctoral milestones, see this link: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral>

# Post-Bac (5-year plan + internship)

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| **Year** | **Task** | **Relevant Links** |
| **Years 1 & 2** | Complete master’s degree requirements (master’s program of study form, classes, etc.) | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/masters> |
| Complete master’s comps in summer of second year or fall of third year (graduating with master’s degree the semester comps are completed) | <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/masters-comprehensive-exam/> |
| Complete social justice project proposal as part of Counseling Psychology I course |  |
| **Year 3** | Complete PLMHP paperwork after receiving master’s degree | <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx> |
| Complete doctoral program of study meeting and form committee | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#committee><https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#program> |
| **Year 4** | Complete doctoral comps in fall or spring; apply for candidacy after passing comps | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#candidacy> |
| Potentially complete dissertation proposal in spring |  |
| Start researching internship sites in spring and summer | <https://membership.appic.org/directory/search> |
| **Year 5** | Propose dissertation by October 15th |  |
| Apply for internship in fall | <https://portal.appicas.org/> |
| **Year 6 (Internship)** | Defend dissertation by completion of internship | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#oralexam>See other requirements here: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral> |
| Apply for graduation | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#degapp> |

# Post-Bac (4-year plan + internship)

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| **Year** | **Task** | **Relevant Links** |
| **Years 1 & 2** | Complete master’s degree requirements (master’s program of study form, classes, etc.) | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/masters> |
| Complete master’s comps in summer of second year or fall of third year (graduating with master’s degree the semester comps are completed) | <https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/masters-comprehensive-exam/> |
| Complete social justice project proposal as part of Counseling Psychology I course |  |
| **Year 3** | Complete PLMHP paperwork after receiving master’s degree | <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx> |
| Complete doctoral program of study meeting and form committee | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#committee><https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#program> |
| Complete doctoral comps in spring; apply for candidacy after passing comps | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#candidacy> |
| Potentially complete dissertation proposal in spring |  |
| Start researching internship sites in spring and summer | <https://membership.appic.org/directory/search> |
| **Year 4** | Propose dissertation by October 15th |  |
| Apply for internship in fall | <https://portal.appicas.org/> |
| **Year 5 (Internship)** | Defend dissertation by completion of internship | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#oralexam>See other requirements for completed dissertation paperwork here: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral> |
| Apply for graduation | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#degapp> |

# Post-Master’s degree from another institution (4-year plan + internship)

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| **Year** | **Task** | **Relevant Links** |
| **Year 1** | Complete social justice project proposal as part of Counseling Psychology I course (could also be done in year 2 depending on when course is offered) |  |
| Complete PLMHP paperwork after receiving master’s degree | <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx> |
| **Year 2** | Complete doctoral program of study meeting and form committee | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#committee><https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#program> |
| **Year 3** | Complete doctoral comps in fall or spring; apply for candidacy after passing comps | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#candidacy> |
| Potentially complete dissertation proposal in spring |  |
| Start researching internship sites in spring and summer | <https://membership.appic.org/directory/search> |
| **Year 4** | Propose dissertation by October 15th |  |
| Apply for internship in fall | <https://portal.appicas.org/> |
| **Year 5 (Internship)** | Defend dissertation by completion of internship | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#oralexam>See other requirements for completed dissertation paperwork here: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral> |
| Apply for graduation | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#degapp> |

# Post-Master’s degree from UNL CoPsych program (3-year plan + internship)

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| **Year** | **Task** | **Relevant Links** |
| **Year 1** | Complete social justice project proposal as part of Counseling Psychology I course (could also be done in year 2 depending on when course is offered) |  |
| Complete PLMHP paperwork after receiving master’s degree | <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx> |
| Complete doctoral program of study meeting and form committee | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#committee><https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#program> |
| **Year 2** | Complete doctoral comps in fall or spring; apply for candidacy after passing comps | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#candidacy> |
| Potentially complete dissertation proposal in spring |  |
| Start researching internship sites in spring and summer | <https://membership.appic.org/directory/search> |
| **Year 3** | Propose dissertation by October 15th |  |
| Apply for internship in fall | <https://portal.appicas.org/> |
| **Year 4 (Internship)** | Defend dissertation by completion of internship | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#oralexam>See other requirements for completed dissertation paperwork here: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral> |
| Apply for graduation | <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/academics/degrees/doctoral#degapp> |