

Doctorate Course Descriptions 2018

Course Number	Course Title	Audience	Course Description	Learning Objectives
501	Selecting Your Project or Thesis Topic	All Commissioners seeking their Doctorate	This session assists doctoral candidates in selecting their project or thesis concept.	<p>Identify what constitutes a good topic or focus area</p> <p>Distinguish between a project and thesis</p> <p>Describe DCS Degree and Knot requirements</p>
502	Limiting the Scope the Topic	All Commissioners seeking their Doctorate	Doctoral candidates explore various procedures to reduce their topic to a workable size. A suggested approval process will also be shared.	<p>Select a specific project / thesis topic</p> <p>Complete S.M.A.R.T. analysis for a selected topic</p>
503	Developing Your Project or Thesis	All Commissioners seeking their Doctorate	This session covers the project or thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.	<p>Identify the main parts of a project report / thesis</p> <p>Develop a first draft outline</p> <p>Identify methods of gathering information</p> <p>Give examples of common writing errors to be avoided when writing the project report or thesis</p>
512	Commissioner Recruiting Workshop	<p>All Administrative Commissioners</p> <p>Suggested pre-requisites BCS 112 and MCS 312</p> <p>Follow up with DCS 514</p>	This session is designed to discuss best practices for recruiting administrative commissioners	<p>Decide who will be part of the recruiting group.</p> <p>Define the position(s).</p> <p>Familiarize the group with the expectations of the position.</p> <p>Construct a list of skills that are necessary for effective completion of the assigned task.</p> <p>Use old and current commissioner lists to construct a prospect list.</p> <p>Determine who has this set of skills. Is their someone already doing the job without a title?</p>

516	Succeeding With the Unit Service Plan	Administrative Commissioners . Suggested pre-requisites BCS 116 and MCS 316	The Unit Service Plan is the roadmap to unit success. With appropriate guidance the commissioner staff can provide significant unit assistance. The district administrative commissioners will need comprehensive data to set the course for unit success across the district.	Understand the Unit Service Plan from the district point of view. Discover the many sources of detailed unit performance information. Understand the relationship of the district committee and unit success. Discover methods to confirm unit performance over time.
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