

NUFSM Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Teaching Requirement

Teaching is an essential element of the education and training experience of PhD students at the university. For this reason, The Graduate School requires that all PhD students serve in some instructional capacity for at least one academic quarter during their graduate education at Northwestern.

The Administrative Council of the NUFISM Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program approved the following teaching requirement for doctoral students on 4/19/10:

1. Doctoral students are required to complete one academic quarter as a teaching assistant for instructors teaching courses to first year students in the NUFISM Clinical Psychology Doctoral program. First year students in the doctoral program were selected as the target population because there is not an undergraduate population at FSM and it is not feasible to teach in other graduate programs on the Chicago campus.
2. The instructor and the doctoral student will work together to create the specific teaching experience; however, the following elements are expected of the teaching experience:
 - a. The doctoral student will give at least one lecture lasting at least 1.5 hours.
 - b. The doctoral student will direct an ancillary class for one-hour per week, such as a practical lab (e.g., statistics, research methods, assessment) or journal club.
3. The doctoral student will be required to work with the professor for no more than five hours during the quarter to prepare for the course, to prepare for or discuss the ancillary class, and to assist the instructor with other course-related duties.
4. The teaching experience will be scheduled during the fourth year of the doctoral program.
5. Students will rank order the courses in which they prefer to have their teaching experience. Instructors will consider those rankings when selecting a student(s) for a course.
6. Doctoral students in the NUFISM Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program are not required to participate in evaluation or assessment of first year doctoral students because of the potential for conflicts of interest.

This requirement will take effect in fall 2010 and will apply to the cohort of students that begin at that point. The requirement will not be grandfathered to apply to the current cohort of students at TGS.