Graduate School Program Assessment:
Two Models for Doctoral Programs at Indiana University

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Doctoral Program Review at Indiana University, Bloomington

- Responsibility Center Management Budget System (RCM)
  - Colleges and Schools responsible for generating their own revenue, and most budgetary decisions.

- Doctoral Program Reviews for Existing Programs
  - Periodic program reviews the responsibility of the Colleges and Schools.
  - Reviews are submitted to the Provost and are made available to the University Graduate School.

- New Doctoral Program Reviews
  - The responsibility of the University Graduate School working in conjunction with the College/School.
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• RCM, but with a different history and philosophy of program review.

• Program Review Components:
  – Principles of Graduate and Professional Learning
  – Program Review and Assessment Committee
  – Guidelines for Review of Graduate Programs
Doctoral Program Review at Indiana University, Indianapolis (IUPUI)

• Principles of Graduate and Professional Learning
  
  – Form a conceptual framework that describes expectations of all graduate/professional students at IUPUI. Specific expectations are determined by the faculty in a student’s field of study.

  – Principles can be made more specific for individual degrees based upon the mission and goals of the faculty in the program, e.g.:
    • “Graduate students earning an Indiana University Ph.D. on the Indianapolis campus will demonstrate the following abilities related to the research focus of the degree:
      
      – Demonstrate the knowledge and skills...
      – Communicate effectively....
      – Think critically and creatively....
      – Conduct research in an ethical and responsible manner”
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- Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC)
  - Composed of representatives of a broad range of academic and support units.
  - PRAC establishes guidelines for comprehensive program review of academic and administrative units and provides guidance for student outcomes assessment throughout the institution.
  - PRAC funds grants that promise innovative approaches or improved practice in assessment and/or program review.
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- Guidelines for Review of Graduate Programs
  - Data supplied by the Program or Department:
    - Recruitment
    - Academic credentials of matriculated students
    - Placement
    - Advising and mentoring
    - Financial resources
    - Curriculum
    - National reputation of the graduate program
Doctoral Program Review Subject Matter Experts at Indiana University

• Indianapolis
  – Dr. Sherry Queener, Associate Dean, The University Graduate School, and Director of the IUPUI Graduate Office

• Bloomington
  – Dr. David Daleke, Associate Dean for Academics and Administration, The University Graduate School