





Demystifying the Theoretical Framework and Literature Review in the Dissertation for Doctoral Students

Participant Guide

	Understand current research on doctoral students' writing difficulties	NOTES
	<p>Learn about the challenges mid-size, HSI, commuter colleges' Writing Centers face when addressing these needs, and proposed solutions</p> <p>Identify additional questions that must be researched to assure efficacy in solving doctoral students' writing issues</p>	
<p>WC's Goals for Targeted Population</p> 	<p>Mid-size, HSI, commuter college's Writing Center (WC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies unnecessarily clouded services for doctoral students • Uncover gaps in WC services • Provides efficacious andragogy for doctoral students <p>Key finding from anonymized interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral students experience challenges writing theoretical framework (TF) and literature review (LR) • Need to create discourse community with cohorts • Need quiet, recurring, accountable time to write 	
 <p>The Literature</p>	<p>Eton, Dombroski (2022) and Sallee et al (2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral students learn new writing genres, vocabulary, assumptions • Balance heavy personal commitments <p>Goodson (2013):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral students effective writing imperative for success <p>McRell, et al (2021); Sallee, et al (2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral students expected to write with academic register and understand TF and LR 	
<p>Writing the TF and LR: Issues Doctoral Students Experience</p>	<p><u>Anecdotal Evidence: Faculty</u></p> <p>Robust instruction on TF and LR important</p> <p>Limited Bandwidth</p> <p>Collaboration with WC positively impacts writing experience</p>	

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<p>Writing the TF and LR: Issues Doctoral Students Experience</p>	<p><u>Anecdotal Evidence: Doctoral Students</u></p> <p>Reflective – Searching for Answers</p> <p>☆☆☆</p> <p>Self-study</p> <p>Work with mentors and cohorts</p> <p>Connected coursework to research</p>	
 <p>UHCL WC Solution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WC created TF and LR workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maximizes WC's resources without need to create separate writing support • In addition to one-on-one writing support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Writing Circles offer convenience, community, accountability, and quiet time for writing • Collaboration with faculty ensures optimal participation and continued dialogue on solutions for doctoral students 	