

## **Ten Tips to Share with Your Dissertation Students About the Dissertation Process**

Encourage your student to:

1. Present at regional and national conferences.
2. Actively participate in conferences and develop a network of colleagues in their discipline.
3. Develop a timeline with specific goals for completion of each phase (e.g. conducting the literature review; planning the research schedule; conducting the research; analyzing the research; etc.).
4. Create a weekly reading and writing schedule.
5. Inform her/his family and friends of the schedule to organize and maintain healthy relations.
6. Review other dissertations using similar methodology
7. Begin to identify potential venues to disseminate published chapters of the dissertation.
8. Eat well and try to exercise.
9. Seek small, internal grant opportunities.
10. Seek opportunities to teach or co-teach a course in her/his program or in another program at the university (related to her/his dissertation research, if possible).

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