

**College of Graduate Studies
Medical University of South Carolina**

PROGRAM OF STUDY

To: College of Graduate Studies

From: _____
Departmental Graduate Coordinator

Department of: _____

Date: _____

Attached is the Program of Study for * _____
Student's Name

This Program has the approval of the student's Advisory Committee as well as the Graduate Training Committee of this Department.

Departmental Graduate Coordinator

Approved by Student's Advisory Committee:

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| 1) _____ | 2) _____ | 3) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 5) _____ | 6) _____ |

*** Attach an official or unofficial MUSC transcript to show the Program of Study**

Program Requirements: The College of Graduate Studies does not require a specific number of course credits for doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The student shall follow an individual program of study designed in consultation with the Advisory Committee and approved by the Graduate Training Committee of the Department of Program.

Program of Study - PhD: The program of study is planned in a joint meeting of the student and his/her Advisory Committee. It is a list of courses and other requirements (including those of the major department) which the student must complete in order to meet the minimum requirements for a given degree. It lists courses which are being transferred as well as courses which are to be taken on campus. After approval by the Advisory Committee, the approved program of study is filed with the departmental graduate coordinator and with the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies within three months after the Advisory Committee is organized. The program of study does not require approval of the Graduate Council. A decision to remove, substitute, or add courses to the program can be made in a joint meeting of the student and the Advisory Committee and by a unanimous vote of that committee. Any changes in the program must be completed no later than one week after the substituted or additional course has begun. A record of any change in the program will be submitted by the Advisory Committee chairman to the office of the Dean. In addition, it will be the final responsibility of the student and his/her Advisory Committee chairman to ensure that any change in the program of study is consistent with the maintenance of at least the minimum course requirement of the major department.

The committee, in consultation with the student, will prescribe additional course work needed to complete the departmental requirements for graduation and other course work or areas of study needed to remedy deficiencies in the student's background to ensure successful completion of the proposed dissertation.

The program of study must be completed before scheduling the qualifying examinations.