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.



- 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

- 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"

- 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.

- 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

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