Thesis Process Timeline

**Fall Quarter, 1st Year:**
The Research Associate meets with students to introduce the Counseling Psychology Program’s *Student Papers Handbook* and Pacifica/APA style guidelines, available online at http://pacific.edu/thesis.aspx and on Desire2Learn (D2L) at https://elearning.my.pacific.edu/index.asp

**Summer Quarter, 1st Year:**
**Research in Psychology-CP 620**
The *Thesis Handbook*, library literacy and databases, research methodology, reviewing the literature, developing a research question, the thesis resource center on D2L.

End of summer quarter, due with summer assignments:
- Statements of a research problem and research question and submission of a thesis proposal.

**Fall Quarter, 2nd Year:**
**Seminar in Directed Research IA (CP 650A)**
Specific research designs and qualitative approaches involving library literacy and the research problem, research related to the recovery model. The course culminates in the submission of a thesis outline.

End of fall quarter, due with fall assignments:
- First draft of the thesis outline.

**Winter Quarter, 2nd Year:**
**Seminar in Directed Research IB (CP 650B)**
Hermeneutic and heuristic methodologies, the research question, understanding of the use of research to inform evidence-based practice with a depth perspective.

End of winter quarter, due with winter assignments:
- Ethics application, revised statements of the research problem and research question, a statement regarding the proposed research’s clinical applicability, second draft of the thesis outline.

**Spring Quarter, 2nd Year:**
**Seminar in Directed Research IC (CP 650C)**
Identify designs used in published research, hone critical thinking skills in depth psychological research and methodology, the vocational aspects of depth psychological research and its impact on clinical practice.

End of spring quarter, due with spring assignments:
- Reflective paper summarizing a student’s process of understanding research as a path to personal healing and progress regarding the review of the literature and the thesis outline.

**Summer Quarter, 2nd Year:**
**Seminar in Directed Research IIA (CP 651A)**
Methodology reviewed according to the design or approach to be used in the student’s thesis, transferential aspects of depth psychological research, methods of analysis needed for formative and summative program evaluation.
End of summer quarter, due with summer assignments:
  Critique of the reflective paper, fully edited methods section of the thesis.

**Fall Quarter, 3rd Year:**

**Seminar in Directed Research IIB (CP 651B)**
Vocational and transformational aspects of depth psychological research, methods of analyses related to methodological approach of the student’s thesis and programmatic needs assessment.

End of fall quarter, due on final session
  Fully edited first draft of the literature review, fully edited first draft of the research findings, and clinical applications section.

**Winter Quarter, 3rd Year:**

**Seminar in Directed Research IIC (CP 651C)**
Writing workshops focused on finalizing the Literature Review, Summary of Research Findings, and Clinical Applications section; and the first draft of the Conclusion. Research and writing of the thesis is supervised by instructor. Completion and Submission of Thesis for publication.

End of winter quarter, due on final session:
  Three bound copies and one electronic copy of the thesis. Successful completion of the course requires completion and submission of the thesis approved by the Internal APA Proofreader and Research Associate.

During final session materials for publication will be prepared.

**Thesis Presentation Day:**
Thesis Presentation Day is held on Friday, the day before Commencement. Students may choose to present a brief synopsis of the thesis to the Pacifica community, friends, and family. Students who complete the thesis by **May 1st** are invited to participate even if not ‘walking’ at commencement.