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Dean Dialogue: How Can Graduate Deans and CGS Provide Leadership for Professional Doctorates?

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Who Are We?

- **Who represents doctorate granting institutions?**
 - **Which of these offer professional doctorates?**
- **Who represents master's-focused institutions?**
 - **Which of these are contemplating offering professional doctorates?**

What is a the Doctor of Philosophy?

- **CGS publication *The Doctor of Philosophy Degree* indicates that the PhD is a research degree designed to produce a scholar who can discover, integrate and apply knowledge, as well as communicate and disseminate it. Distinguished from other doctorates (MD, JD) designed for professional training or applied research related to practice.**

What is a Professional Doctorate?

- **Provides professional training or preparation for applied research related to professional practice. Not a PhD. Involves mastery of subject beyond master's coupled with practical training on application of that knowledge in practice.**

What are the Differences?

	Research Doctorate	Professional Doctorate
Baccalaureate req'd	Yes	Yes (usually)
Master's req'd	Sometimes	Sometimes
Coursework	36-72 quarter hours	2-4 years (variable)
Research	2-4 years	Sometimes (1 year)
Clinical Practica	No	Yes (may be years)
Threshold Exams	Qualifying, defense	Sometimes
Capstone experience	Dissertation	Dissertation or project report or none
Related to licensure	No	Yes (usually)

NCES Classifications

- **Doctor's degree-research/scholarship:** degree requiring advanced work beyond the master's including preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research or a project demonstrating artistic or scholarly achievement.
- **Doctor's degree-professional practice:** degree conferred upon completion of a program providing knowledge and skills for recognition, credential or license for professional practice; minimum 6 years post-secondary training.

Examples of Research Doctorates and Professional Doctorates

- **Research/scholarship:** PhD, EdD, DMS, DBA, ScD, DA, DM or DMA, DEngr, DPH, DNS, SJD
(18 titles recognized by NSF)
- **Professional practice:** MD, JD or LLB, DVM, OD, DDS or DMD, DPM, DP or PodD, DC, AudD, DPT, DNP, PharmD

Stakeholders in Professional Doctorates

- **Universities**
- **Regional accrediting associations**
- **Special accrediting agencies and CHEA**
- **Professional societies**
- **State higher education boards or state legislatures**
- **Degree seekers**
- **Employers**

The PhD in Clinical Psychology and the PsyD: A Useful Example?

	PhD - Clinical Psych	PsyD
Focus	Research w/ clinical training	Practitioner who understands how to apply research
Setting	Univ. dept.	Univ. dept, Univ. school, Independent school
Research	Producers	Consumers
Requirements	2 yrs courses + clinical training, 3-5 yrs research, exams	3 yrs coursework + 1 yr clinical internship
Capstone	Dissertation	Clinical report
Licensure	Eligible	Eligible