1. Demonstrate academic mastery in at least one of the broad areas of specialization represented in the Department of Kinesiology.

2. Demonstrate a broad understanding of major current and past theories, research findings, methodologies, and techniques in their area of specialization both orally and in writing.

3. Retrieve and examine scientific literature, evaluate evidence for and against hypotheses, identify knowledge gaps, strengths and weaknesses in existing literature, synthesize knowledge, and develop conclusions.

4. Formulate ideas, concepts, designs and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge with their area of specialization.

5. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the field of kinesiology extending beyond their area of specialization.

6. Develop and complete original research that makes a substantive contribution in advancing their area of specialization.

7. Develop testable hypotheses and predictions for their own realistic and feasible research projects.

8. Conduct independent research and analyze and interpret resulting data.

9. Clearly communicate their ideas in both oral and written form through the preparation and defense of a dissertation.

10. Foster ethical and professional conduct.

11. Use scientific rigor when designing experiments, collecting and analyzing data, interpreting and reporting results.