

PhD Program in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Acknowledgement of Student Expectations & Responsibilities, and Criteria for Graduation

I understand that to graduate with a PhD in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine:

I have to:

1. review the guidelines for research-based programs provided to me.
2. successfully complete the following courses and non-course milestones:
 - a. Pathology 9240 [Understanding Disease];
 - b. Scientific Communication and Critical Thinking series (SCCT; see section 2.3 for details);
 - c. Pathology 9687 [Effective Proposal Writing];
 - d. Biostatistics/ Research Methods (see section 2.4 for course numbers);
 - e. Courses suggested by my supervisor(s) and/or advisory committee members.
3. maintain a cumulative average of at least 70% calculated each term over all courses taken for credit, with no grade less than 60%.
4. attend and participate in departmental activities, including but not limited to;
 - a. Dr. Robert Zhong Research Seminars, PhD public lectures, and Grand Rounds
 - b. Annual Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Research Day.
5. apply for external scholarships (*eg Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral Award [CIHR, NSERC] etc.*).

I have to:

1. set up my advisory committee, in consultation with my supervisor(s), within 3 months of registration, and present my research plan to the committee within the first 6 months of registration.
2. schedule my advisory committee meetings at least once a year and present my research progress report.
3. schedule and pass a comprehensive examination.
4. submit my thesis and pass the thesis examination.

I have to:

1. abide by the rules and regulations required by the Graduate Education Committee, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Western University.
2. observe all safety regulations established by Western University.

Student Name (print)

Student Signature

Date

Please return your signed form to Graduate Program Coordinator (pathgrad@uwo.ca) within 4 weeks of starting the program.