

The Portfolio Presentation Process (for discussion purposes)

(The following are two options we would like further input on as we fine-tune them. There will also be an opportunity for participants to individually petition other possibilities.)

Option 1: Portfolio includes dissertation (preferred option)

Participants develop their portfolio and submit materials demonstrating competency for review and sign-off. Evidence of competency must include appropriate documentation of knowledge base. During this ongoing process participants also complete and successfully defend their dissertation as part of demonstrating competency as a Reflective Researcher (competencies 5a – c). The portfolio thus includes the approved dissertation for the comprehensive final evaluation.

Participants write a synthesis paper and schedule the portfolio presentation. The synthesis paper is submitted to the leadership faculty two weeks before the final event. The final event in the participant's program encompasses the oral portfolio presentation including a public celebration of the participant's achievement. **Before the public presentation the program team must have signed off on all competencies.** After the public presentation the participant is introduced with the appropriate degree title achieved.

Portfolio Process		Synthesis Paper	Portfolio Presentation & Celebration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competency documentations reviewed by regional group Ongoing review & sign-off by advisor & other faculty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissertation development & defense Approved dissertation is included in portfolio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted two weeks before portfolio presentation to advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final review of portfolio by program team (closed session if necessary) Final approval of portfolio Participant's public celebration presentation (embedded)

Option 2: Portfolio is presented before dissertation is completed

Participants develop their portfolio and submit materials demonstrating competency for review and sign-off. Evidence of competency must include appropriate documentation of knowledge base. During this ongoing process they also include adequate documentation demonstrating competency as a Reflective Researcher (competencies 5a – c). At the special request of the participant, in consultation with the advisor, a portfolio presentation can be scheduled without an approved dissertation in the portfolio.

Participants must include evidence of competency integration by writing a synthesis paper submitted two weeks before the portfolio presentation. The presentation is usually a closed-door event. After the successful portfolio presentation the participant receives full approval of the whole portfolio (all competencies). Then the dissertation is written and successfully defended. Finally, the participant updates the synthesis paper (or creates a new integrative paper) and submits it at the final event of the leadership program, the public celebration, which follows a day or two after the dissertation defense. This final celebration is informal in nature and about an hour long. It is the second bookend – finishing what was envisioned in the IDP. After the public presentation the participant is introduced with the appropriate degree title achieved.

Portfolio Process	Portfolio Presentation	Dissertation	Revised Synthesis P.	Celebration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competency documentations reviewed by regional group Ongoing review & sign-off by advisor & other faculty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral presentation of portfolio including synthesis paper (closed session) Final approval of portfolio Dissertation is not included in portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissertation development & defense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The synthesis paper is revised in light of total experience in the program (or new paper is written) Submit to advisor before the celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant's public celebration presentation Anytime after successful dissertation defense