



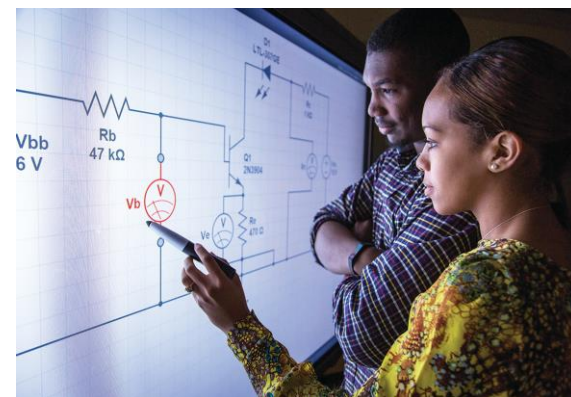
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# Division of Academic Affairs Presentation to the NCCU Board of Trustees

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# Outline

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  - New doctoral programs
  - Expansion of Integrated Biosciences Ph.D. Program
- Strategies Implemented to Enhance Bar Passage

# R2 Carnegie Classification Designation Efforts Criteria

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- What are the criteria for R2 designation?
- Institutions that award at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees during the year (R2).  
-OR-
- Institutions that award fewer than 20 research degrees and at least 30 professional practice doctoral degrees in at least 2 programs during the year qualify as Doctoral/Professional Universities (D/PU).
- The first two categories (R1 and R2) include only institutions that awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees and had at least \$5 million in total research expenditures (as reported through the National Science Foundation (NSF) Higher Education Research & Development Survey (HERD)).



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- NCCU's Juris Doctor (law degree) is a Doctoral/Professional Practice degree. To qualify as a Doctoral/Professional University, NCCU must award degrees in a second Doctoral/Professional Practice program. For example, the Psy.D. program will give NCCU the minimum number of programs. As soon as the first Psy.D. is awarded, NCCU would qualify under the current criteria.



# R2 Carnegie Classification Designation Efforts

## New Doctoral Programs

- **School of Education**

- Ed.D. in Educational Leadership
- Ed.D. in Counselor Education
- Fully online
  - Approval/Launch Progress:
    - Request to Establish have been submitted for both programs to the UNC System Office.
    - Both programs approved at the NCCU Academic Planning Council on November 8, 2023.
    - Anticipated launch date is Fall 2024.

- **College of Health and Sciences**

- Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Fully online
  - Approval/Launch Progress:
    - Program approved at NCCU Academic Planning Council on November 8, 2023 to submit for preliminary authorization to plan from the UNC System Office.
    - Submitted to the UNC System Office for preliminary authorization to plan in December 2023.
    - Anticipated launch date will be determined.



# R2 Carnegie Classification Designation Efforts

## New Doctoral Programs

- **College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities**

- **Psy.D. in Psychology (Professional Degree)**

- **Approval/Launch Progress:**

- Program approved at NCCU Academic Planning Council on April 13, 2022 to submit for preliminary authorization to plan from the UNC System Office.
- Submitted to the UNC System Office for preliminary authorization to plan in December 2023.
- Anticipated launch date is Fall 2024.

- **Ph.D. in Emergency Management and Community Safety**

- **Fully online**

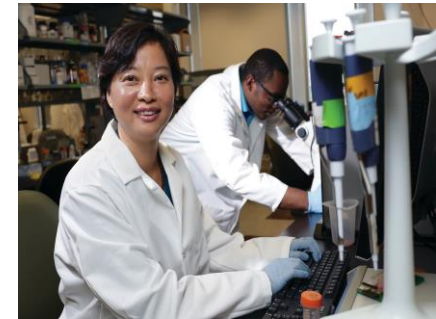
- **Approval/Launch Progress:**

- Program approved at NCCU Academic Planning Council on April 12, 2023 to submit for preliminary authorization to plan from the UNC System Office.
- Will be submitted to the UNC System Office for preliminary authorization to plan at a date to be determined.
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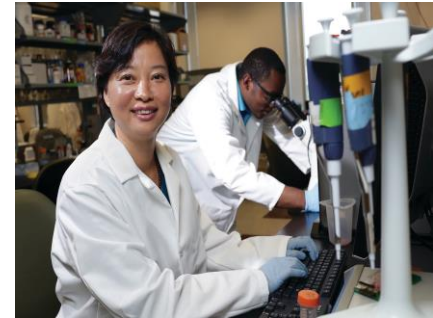
# Integrated Biosciences (INBS) Ph.D. Program

- The Integrated Biosciences (INBS) Ph.D. program was started with a focus on studying health disparities.
- Background of past students included life sciences, such as biology, chemistry, and pharmaceutical sciences. The average new class comprised of 1 or 2 students, with a total of 5 new students in the last 5 years.
- Health disparities can be studied at different scales: from molecular level to tissues samples under a microscope, to animal models and population studies of disease, and to environmental impact on populations. Previous students have focused on all of these areas. For example, a recent graduate of the program studied pharmacological as well as population studies of breast cancer prevalence using Geospatial Intelligence Studies (GIS).



# Integrated Biosciences (INBS) Ph.D. Program Expansion

- Two distinct tracks of study in the INBS Program were approved by the Academic Planning Council on November 8, 2023:
  - Life and Physical Sciences
  - Bio-behavioral and Data Analysis
- Recruited 9 new students in this year's fall 2023 cohort, surpassing the total students enrolled in the last 10 years. Two additional students will join in the spring 2024 term, bringing the new Ph.D. cohort number to 11 new students. This brings the total number of Ph.D. students in the program to 20, the largest in the history of the program.
- Students were recruited from NCA&T, Shaw University, and other universities in NC. These new students have undergraduate degrees in Integrated Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Public Health Education, Sports Medicine, and other life and allied fields.





# Strategies Implemented to Enhance Bar Passage

- All subjects tested on the Uniform Bar Examination are part of the required curriculum. Course offerings have been modified to align with testing.
- Unlike in the past, all first-year courses now have at least three summative assessments with multiple choice and essay questions to mirror two of the three bar type questions. The assessments are designed to monitor mastery of material in foundational courses.
- Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions are being included on the Civil Procedure final exam for second semester, first-year-students, which is a new initiative.
- Advance Legal Analysis course focuses on test-taking skills and techniques necessary for students to maximize bar exam preparation. The course will focus on core Multistate Bar Exam subjects taught in the first year. Students are required to take at least one of the courses and at-risk students are required to take both.



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- We offer two Advanced Legal Analysis courses, which are skills development and pre-bar preparation courses for second and third-year students that focus on test-taking skills, strategies, and techniques necessary for students to maximize their bar exam preparation. The courses focus on core Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) subjects taught in the first year. Students are required to take at least one of the courses and at-risk students are required to take both.



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