

# Supporting Online Kinesiology Graduate Students

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## Abstract

In 2014, the Kinesiology Department at the University of North Carolina began offering an online doctorate degree.

This is an asynchronous, fully online program for busy professionals who are only expected to travel to campus a few times while earning a degree.

This poster reports on liaison approaches to support.

## The Online KIN EdD

- Four year online program
- Asynchronous with optional real time meetings
- Requires initial three day visit to UNCG + two later visits
- Currently 40 students: athletic trainers, physical education teachers, sports psychologists, health educators

## Library Orientation

During planning faculty emphasized these priorities

- Library services for online students
- Basic search skills, especially to facilitate finding articles

The 70 minute library workshop included

- Brief library walk: History of UNCG Athletics Display
- Health Sciences Librarian focus: Library overview, SportDiscus
- Data Services Librarian focus: ICPSR
- Wrap up discussion: Most useful topic? Other topics to explore?

Most appreciated topics

- Data management
- Getting articles
- Interlibrary Loan
- Database features: Permalink, suggested citation
- Getting help: Chat service and liaison contact

Topics requested for follow up

- Citation management training
- Information on highlighting and annotating pdfs
- Software for reading pdfs and other files aloud



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## Webinars

Content determined with input from instructors and students

- Article searching: SportDiscus, PubMed
- Dissertation full text
- Grant funding opportunities: SPIN database
- Citation management: Zotero

Email and Google Form poll used for planning and follow up

- Invitation with instructions for Blackboard Collaborate
- Poll to get in input on content, meeting time
- Link to recording and response to additional questions

## Other Liaison Support

Tutorials and guides: PubMed, SportDiscus, ERIC, PsycInfo, Google Scholar, finding dissertations, library catalog

Student assistance

- Librarian available via phone, email, Google Hangout
- Most questions emailed, some interaction through Google Hangout and telephone
- Primarily tech questions, some in depth research assistance

Faculty assistance

- Subscription requests: *Kinesiology Reviews*, *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*
- Course support: online access, copyright, suggestions for readings

Credits

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4. A History of Physical Education and Athletics at UNCG display, Kathelene Smith and Erin Lawrimore