Working with Graduate Students at a Distance: Liaison Librarianship to an Online Doctoral Program

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Online learning in graduate programs are on the rise. As of Fall 2015, around 26% of graduate students in the U.S. were enrolled in fully distance programs. NCES Distance Learning
Kinesiology EdD
at UNCG

- Fully online program, 4 years
- Cohort based
- Interdisciplinary
- Dissertation required
- Asynchronous
- Heavily Google EDU based
Assessment

- Surveys
- Interviews
- Faculty Feedback
KIN EdD students have to attend a face-to-face orientation on campus, with the library getting a 2 hour slot within a 3 day period.
Create Announcements in Canvas (UNCG LMS) and access the graduate listserv. The cohort heavily relies on Google Hangouts.
Virtual Workshops

Stream and record workshops and programs for graduate students on campus through Webex.
Webcasts

Provide catered webcasts or webinars on citation management (Zotero), data management, and scholarship metrics. Invite them into the Research & Application webinar series.
5. **Canvas (LMS)**

Created a “Librarian” role in Canvas to easily embed in many courses as a designer. Integrate LibGuides into a course navigation “Library Resources” option. Create content within Canvas.
Virtual Consults

Embedded in KIN research methodologies course and require virtual consults on Google Hangouts with each student to search literature on their topic. 30 minutes and use template in order to use time efficiently.
7. Online Learning Objects

Create catered and accessible online learning objects for graduate student research needs, including literature reviews, grey literature, interlibrary loan, Zotero, and more.
Future Directions

- Webinar competition in collaboration with graduate school.
- Collaborating across campus to provide more virtual workshops.
- Write report about interviews with online students to share with other units on campus.
Tips & Tricks:

- Get to know faculty and director of online program. Go to events of the program (virtual or at your university).
- Work with other units outside of the library.
- Provide multiple methods of outreach and instruction.
- Reach graduate students at the beginning of program.
More Resources:

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Thanks!

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