

# GradPath

## Enhancing Doctoral Student Progress, Success, and Evaluation

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# WHY GRADPATH?

- Rooted in a long-standing policy outlined in NC State's Graduate Student Handbook that required annual evaluation
  - No mechanism for ensuring compliance and ample evidence that few programs were doing this
- Furthermore, encouraged by graduate student responses to our Student Mental Health Task Force

## Primary aims:

- To improve feedback and communication between students and advisors
- To enhance transparency around academic progress and expectations
- To support student wellbeing and success

# BENEFITS

- Streamlines the annual evaluation process
- Ensures relatively consistent documentation of student progress
- Strengthens advisor-student communication
- Encourages advisors to articulate expectations and to promote goal-setting and accountability
- Supports student mental health and professional growth

# KEY FEATURES

- Academic data imported automatically from our Student Information System, including information related to academic program, GPA, courses taken, grades, PhD milestones, advisors, etc.
- Login and security based on NCSU Unity ID
- Students and advisors receive email notification when progress reports and evaluations are completed
- Comprehensive dashboards for Directors of Graduate Programs and Department Heads (=Chairs) to review their progress of PhD students in their programs
- Notifications and feedback mechanism promotes two-way communication and continuous improvement

## Academic Overview

Student ID: 001134749

Name: Patel Rushik

Email: rpatel34@ncsu.edu

Program: Mechanical Engineering

Degree: PHD

Plan: 14MEPHD

Cumulative GPA: 3.722

Advisor Name: Bhosale Raj

Advisor Name: Sharma Savita

### Milestones

Milestone Description	Date Of Completion	Milestone Complete Status
Preliminary Oral Exam	05-13-2011	Pass Unconditional
Final Oral Exam	05-13-2011	Pass Unconditional
Dissertation Approval	05-13-2011	Completed

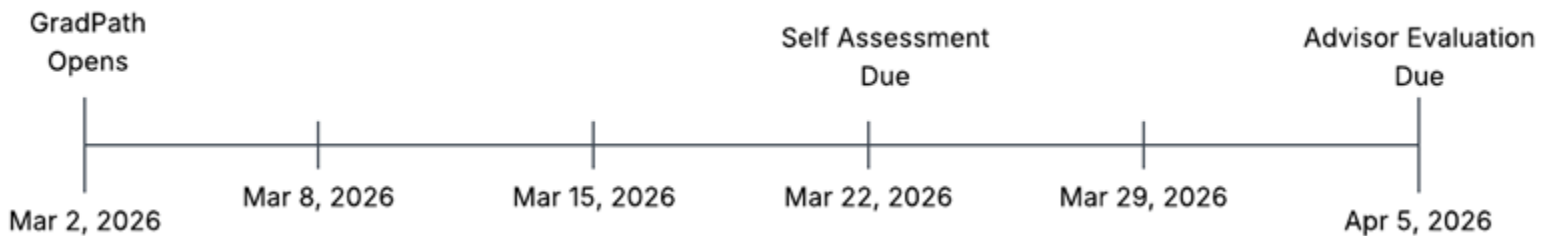
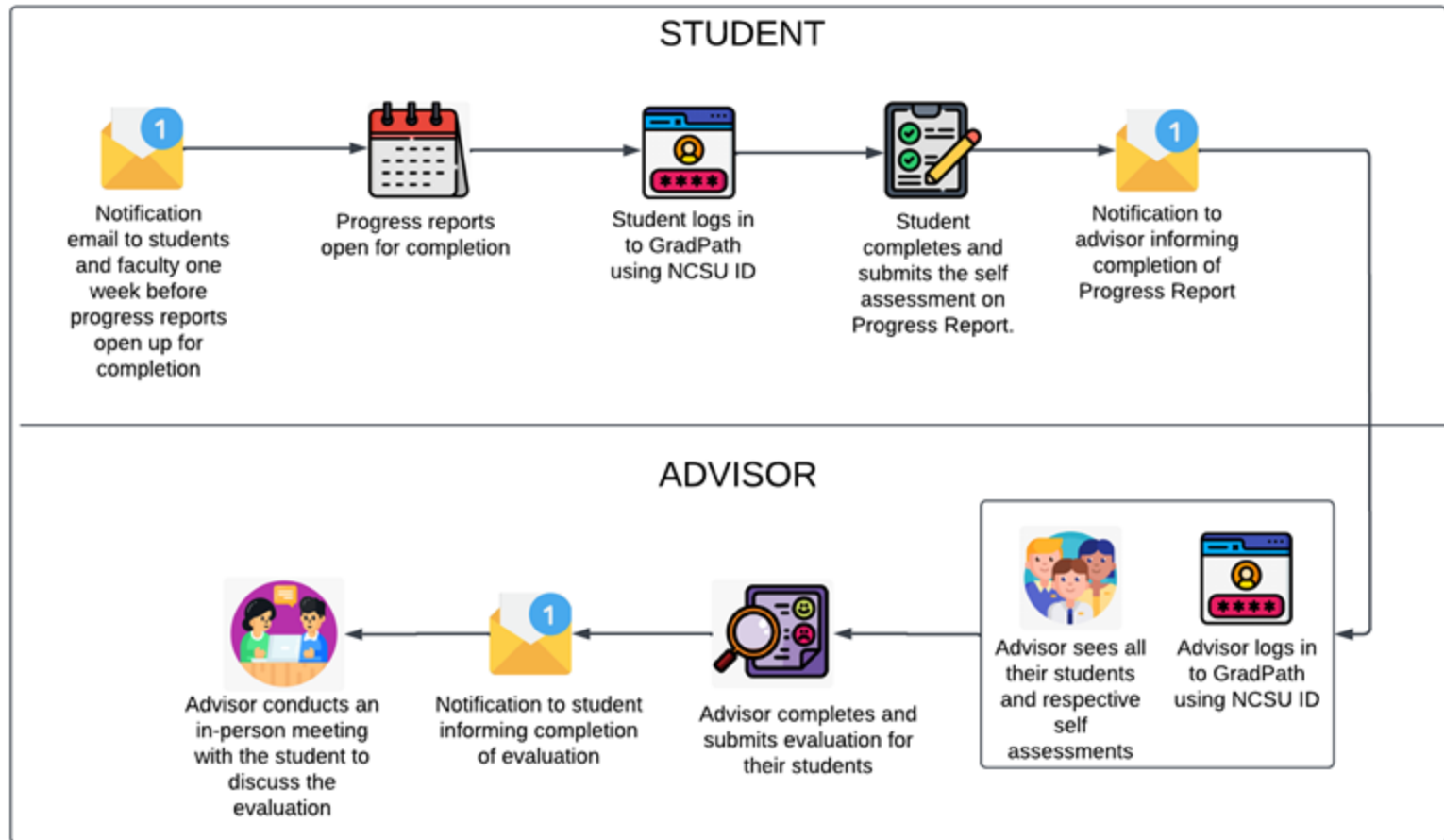
### Courses Taken

Term	Program	Title	Units	Grade Type	Final Grade
2024 Spring Term	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering Seminar	1.00	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory	S
2022 Spring Term	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanics Of Composite Structures	3.00	Graded	A
2021 Fall Term	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering Seminar	1.00	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory	S

## Progress Report

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# EVALUATION FLOW



# STUDENT PROCESS - DETAILS

- Students complete self-assessment summarizing their academic progress which includes:
  - Publications, presentations, teaching/research activities, awards, TA/RA appointments, and professional development activities
- Optional feedback:
  - Students can provide confidential feedback on advising quality and frequency
  - This feedback can be routed to one or more of:
    - ❖ Dean of Grad School
    - ❖ Director of Graduate Program (DGP)
    - ❖ Advisor

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Reporting Period

April 1 2024 To March 31 2025

I have read the Graduate Expectations document

General Summary of Accomplishments



Published Paper/Presentations



In-Progress Paper/Presentations



Teaching Activities



TA/RA Appointment And/Or Fellowships



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## Feedback

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*This section is designed to provide feedback on the frequency and quality of mentorship you received from the advisor during the evaluation period. Submission of this section is optional. You have the option to select who receives this feedback – Advisor, DGP and/or Dean of Graduate School.*

*If you want to have a confidential discussion regarding your advisor's mentorship, please do not complete this section. Instead, you may contact the [Student Ombuds Services](#)*

**1. I am satisfied with the overall quality of mentorship received from my advisor**

Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

**2. I am satisfied with the frequency of meetings time with my advisor**

Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

**3. I am satisfied with the quality of discussion during meetings with my advisor**

Strongly Agree  Agree  Neutral  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

**4. Whom do you want to send this feedback to?**

Advisor  DGP  Gradschool Dean

**5. Please provide any other comments regarding feedback/mentorship you receive during your doctoral program.**

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# ADVISOR PROCESS - DETAILS

- Advisor gets notified after advisee submits their assessment
- Advisor evaluates the assessment:
  - Does an overall evaluation of whether their advisee meets, exceeds, or does not meet expectations
- Advisor can comment upon strengths, areas for improvement, and sets milestones for upcoming year
- Advisor and student conduct an in-person meeting to discuss evaluation and progress.

Progress made from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Status:-

▲ Pending

<b>General Summary of Accomplishments</b>	I had a very productive research year where I published 4 papers and attended 2 conferences. 1 more paper is in progress.
<b>Published Paper/Presentations</b>	1. Test Paper 1 2. Test Paper 2  Presented at Annual Thermodynamics Conference
<b>In-Progress Paper/Presentations</b>	Finishing up on a paper on Chip Technology
<b>Teaching Activities</b>	10 hours TA for Class ME 250
<b>TA/RA Appointment And/Or Fellowships</b>	10 hours RA under Dr. XXX
<b>Other Comments</b>	Served as committee member for Mechanical Engineering Student Association.
<b>edited Question</b>	sdfdsf
<b>Test question</b>	sdfdsf

Advisor's Evaluation

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**Rate the Progress Report** ⓘ

Exceeds Expectations  
 Meets Expectations  
 Doesn't Meet Expectations

**Areas of Strength** ⓘ

**Areas for Growth and Development for next year** ⓘ

**Milestone to Complete/Plans for next year** ⓘ

**Expected Graduation Term and Year** ⓘ

**Comments**

# DGP AND DEPT. HEAD FEATURES

- DGPs and Dept. Heads can track self assessment and evaluation progress via dashboards
- Ability to export data into Excel or Google Sheets
- Advanced slicers to focus on either certain advisors, programs or students

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Department: Mechanical & Aerospace Engr

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## Doctoral Students

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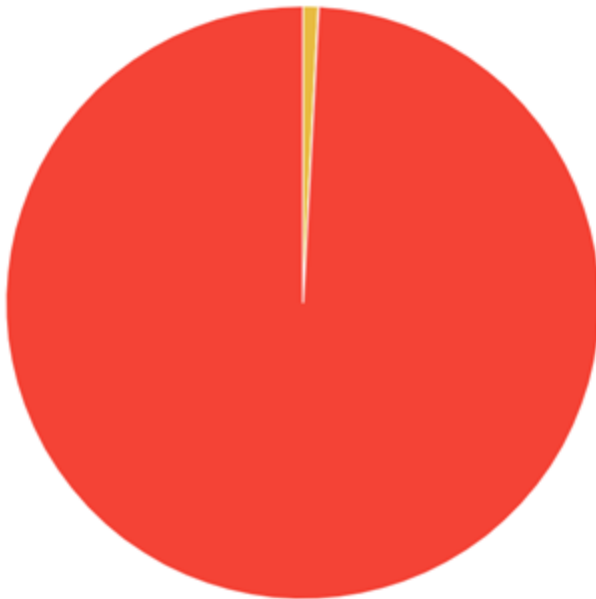
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Mechanical Engineering

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Submitted - Evaluation Complete Submitted - Evaluation Pending Progress Report not Submitted



- The GradPath application is designed to facilitate annual academic progress reviews for doctoral students.
- The system serves to enhance student-advisor engagement and includes a student self-assessment and advisor feedback component.
- In addition to the advisor evaluation of students, Gradpath includes an optional feedback section where the student can provide feedback regarding the quality and frequency of advising/mentorship received from their academic advisor. The student has the option to route this to the Dean of Graduate School, DGP, and/or their advisor.
- Please note that submission of this report is mandatory and is due on April 04, 2025.

Submitted - Evaluation Complete: 0  
 Submitted - Evaluation Pending: 1  
 Progress Report not Submitted: 119

Student ID	Name	Program	Progress Report Status	Advisor Name	Co Advisor Name
001134749	<a href="#">Patel Rushik</a>	Mechanical Engineering	Submitted - Evaluation Pending	Bhosale Raj	Sharma Savita

# **FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS: GRADPATH 2.0**

## **Based on feedback from DGPs**

- Ability for departments to add custom questions
- Viewing access for Graduate Student Coordinators (GSCs) aggregated data
- Ability for students to give feedback about their research
- Ability for departments to use the tool twice a year

# QUESTIONS?

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