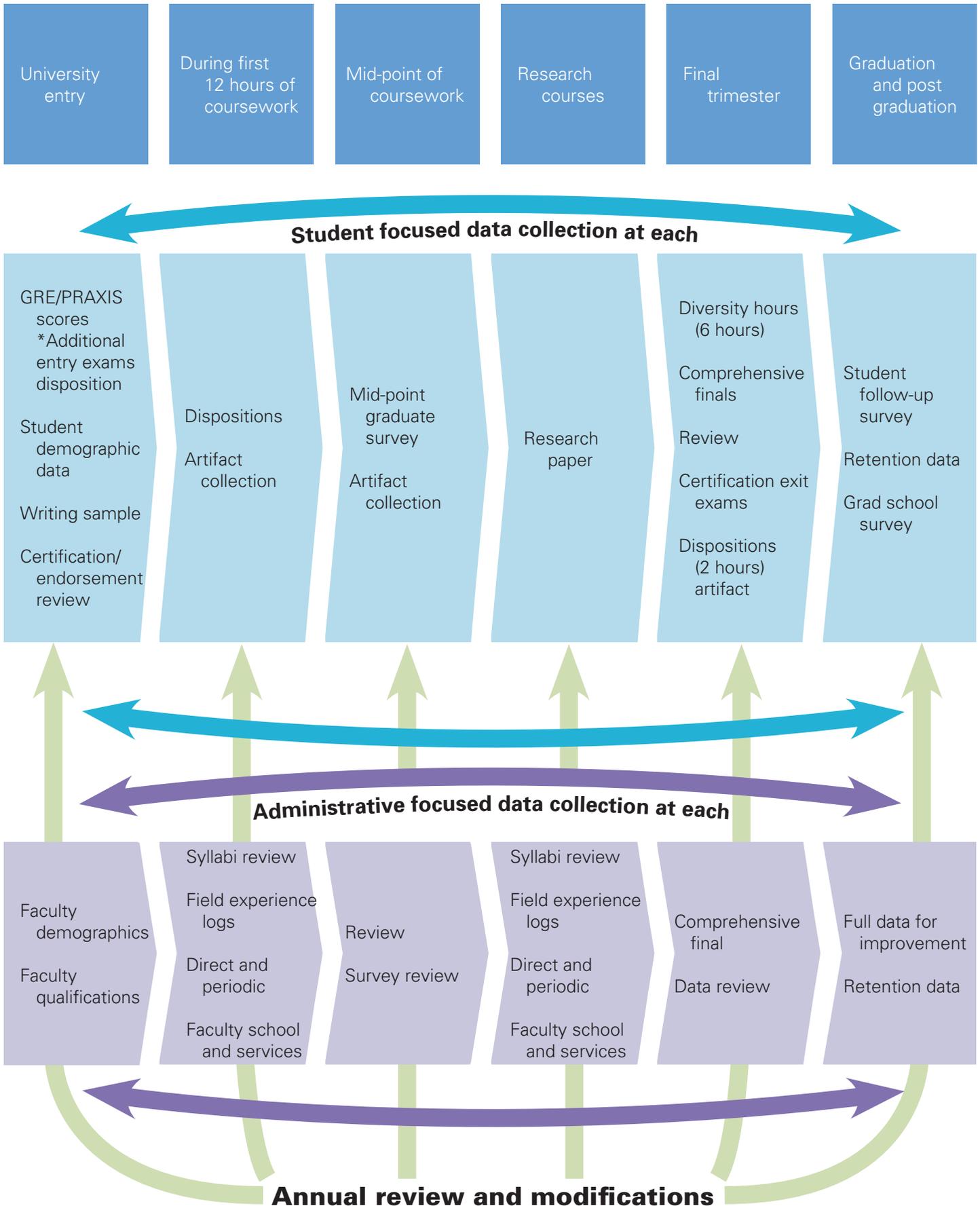


Northwest graduate assessment flowchart by transition points



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Explanation

The flowchart illustrates the cyclical flow of the new continuous review data assessment system, which includes both student-focused data collection and administrative-focused data collection. This ensures our students are developing as graduate, advanced students through a quality experience with quality faculty. The review cycle calendar outlines the regular schedule of the Assessment Systems and Unit Evaluation Team (ASET) for evaluating this data, sharing it with individual programs and the entire PEU, and considering program improvements based upon that data.

Further explanation of graduate assessment transition points:

- University Entry: When graduate students apply to graduate programs in education, students must provide their GRE and PRAXIS scores, their demographic data, and documentation of their certification and endorsement areas. They must also provide a writing sample in order to verify that they have the necessary skills to be successful in a graduate program, and dispositions review to be completed in lieu of a reference letter by a school supervisor.
- During the first twelve hours of coursework, students must upload key assessments to Tk20 as part of their coursework, and after 9-12 credit hours, a disposition must be completed for each student by the student's advisor or a faculty member who has had the student in a course.
- When students have finished half of their coursework, continuing to upload appropriate assessments to Tk20, they must complete the Mid-point Graduate Survey, which is sent to them through the DMS. This survey is a self-report of how well students feel they are developing along the state standard continuum.
- Near the end of coursework, each student must complete and upload his/her research paper.
- During their final trimester, students must provide documentation of six hours spent in a diverse setting, and they must complete a disposition form as a self-assessment. They must pass their university comprehensive final exams and any exams required for certification. University faculty and/or each student's advisor will complete a final dispositions form on the student and do a final review of the student's artifacts (a portfolio, for example).
- A follow-up survey is sent to graduates shortly after graduation, one year after graduation, and another is being planned to be sent three years after graduation. The quality of a program is often measured in hindsight, after their time in college as passed.