

Group 2: Identity Change Theory

Identity change theory. Graduate school is a time when one starts to develop a professional identity. Some students are successful in the transition to professional identity, but others struggle and face barriers in developing a professional identity. Research suggests that failure to achieve professional identity development has negative outcomes on performance in graduate school and ultimately on professional advancement. Your research group wants to explore the process of professional identity development among graduate students.

Construct for this project: professional identity; suggested potential dimensions to explore (there are too many to consider all factors) – mentoring, socialization,

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