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The 2005-2006 Graduate Student Handbook details policy and procedures used by the College of Education for administering graduate programs in education. Degree requirements for each degree and other information related to each degree program offered by the College of Education are included in this handbook. The degree requirements outlined herein apply to all students entering the College of Education in Fall 2005 and thereafter. Information in previous handbooks applies to students entering prior to Fall 2005. For questions related to degree requirements which are not addressed specifically in this handbook, students should contact their department or talk with their adviser.

Additional information on campus policies and procedures can be found in *A Handbook for Graduate Students and Advisers* at [www.grad.uiuc.edu/grad\\_handbook/index.html](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/grad_handbook/index.html) and the *Code on Campus Affairs and Handbook of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students* [www2.uiuc.edu/admin\\_manual/code/code\\_contents.html](http://www2.uiuc.edu/admin_manual/code/code_contents.html). The faculty and staff of the College of Education are committed to making graduate study in education a culturally rich and intellectually rewarding opportunity. Please feel free to contact the staff in the Student Academic Affairs Office to assist you in making your graduate school experience a success.

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## CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

This calendar provides important dates to help graduate students plan and carry out their graduate programs. The academic calendar includes important deadlines which should be noted early in the semester or academic year. Graduate student work should be planned so as to meet the posted deadlines. Failure to do so may result in a delay of graduation, incorrect course enrollment, or other errors which may affect a student's academic plans. The academic calendar may be found at [www.oar.uiuc.edu/calndr.html](http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/calndr.html).

The dates on the academic calendar are subject to change, and students are advised to contact their graduate adviser, the Student Academic Affairs Office, or the Graduate College to verify deadlines. The Graduate College is located at 204 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

### Websites for Additional Information

Admissions and Records FAQs .....[www.oar.uiuc.edu/faqs.html](http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/faqs.html)  
Graduate College .....[www.grad.uiuc.edu](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu)  
Student Accounts and Cashiers.....[www.obfs.uillinois.edu/osac/](http://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/osac/)  
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Office of Student Financial Aid.....[www.osfa.uiuc.edu](http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### The College of Education

The Student Academic Affairs Office provides oversight to ensure compliance with campus and Graduate College policies and procedures. The Student Academic Affairs Office acts for the Dean, the Executive Committee, and the Graduate Faculty of Education.

The College of Education offers graduate work leading to the Master of Education (Ed.M.), the Master of Arts (A.M.), the Master of Science (M.S.), the Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS), the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. Once a student is admitted to a degree program, most of the pertinent information relating to degree progress is available through the department office. In addition, all degree progress is monitored by the Student Academic Affairs Office.

Degree requirements in each department and in specialized fields or areas in education may extend beyond those of the Graduate College as stated in the *Programs of Study* (<http://courses.uiuc.edu/cis/programs/urbana/>). Requirements specifically pertaining to graduate degrees in education are found in this handbook and in materials available from individual departments within the College of Education.

All graduate degrees in education are recommended to and conferred by the Graduate College of the University. The following section identifies the areas of specialization in which graduate degrees may be pursued within the six Education departments.

## **Departments and Areas of Specialization**

### **Curriculum and Instruction (CI), 311 Education Building**

#### *Curriculum, Aesthetics, and Teacher Education (CATE)*

Aesthetic Education  
Curriculum  
Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Social Studies Education  
Secondary Education  
Teacher Education

#### *Language and Literacy (L&L)*

Bilingual Education and Linguistic Diversity  
Language and Literacy Education

#### *Mathematics, Science and Technology (MST)*

Technology Studies  
Mathematics Education  
Science Education

#### *Interdisciplinary Specialization*

Multicultural Education/Cultural diversity

#### *Master's Degree with Teacher Certification*

Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Secondary Education:  
    English  
    Mathematics  
    Social Studies  
    Science

### **Educational Organization and Leadership (EOL), 333 Education Building**

Educational Administration  
Higher Education

### **Educational Policy Studies (EPS), 360 Education Building**

Aesthetic Education  
Cultural Studies in Education  
Educational Policy Analysis  
Gender Studies in Education  
Higher Education Policy  
History of Education  
International/Global Education  
Philosophy of Education

### **Educational Policy Studies (EPS), 360 Education Building (con't)**

Politics of Education  
Race and Ethnicity in Education  
Religious Educational Policy  
Sociology in Education  
Social Foundations of Education  
Technology Studies in Education  
Urban Education

### **Educational Psychology (EPSY), 226 Education Building**

Cognition, Learning, Language, Instruction, & Culture (CLLIC)  
Counseling Psychology  
Quantitative and Evaluative Research Methodologies (QUERIES)  
Child and Adolescent Development  
Special Online Program: Curriculum, Technology, and Education Reform (CTER)

Note: Students may apply to the Department of Educational Psychology and indicate the division of their choice. Although a student may be listed under one specialty area of course work, research and faculty interests often cross divisional boundaries.

### **Human Resource Education (HRE), 351 Education Building**

Community College Teaching and Learning  
Human Resource Development

Note: In either field of study, the department offers three areas of specialization: Training and Development, Instructional Technologies, and Organization Development.

### **Special Education (Sp Ed), 288 Education Building**

Administration and supervision of special education  
Moderate/severe disabilities training program  
Research  
Collaborative/resource teacher  
Skills improvement  
Teacher education  
Vocational/transitional education for persons with disabilities  
Infancy/early childhood special education program

### **Technology Studies in Education (TSE)**

TSE is a graduate specialization cosponsored by the departments in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### *Description of the TSE Specialization*

Graduate study in the *Technology Studies in Education* (TSE) specialization at the University of Illinois is designed to prepare leaders for educational positions in a wide range of settings,



including public schools, community colleges, universities, and private sector enterprises. The TSE graduate specialization promotes the production of new knowledge in the field of educational technology through the creation and study of technology solutions to educational problems. It prepares individuals to conduct research and scholarly inquiry through the design, development, and assessment of instructional systems and materials.

The *Technology Studies in Education* (TSE) specialization is flexible enough to meet individual student needs and goals. Technology-focused courses, activities, and experiences enable students to develop an in-depth understanding of the complexities, challenges, and opportunities that new technologies bring to any educational context. Students have the opportunity to conduct research attend conferences and seminars, and interact with national leaders in the field. This specialization is available to students at either the Masters or Doctoral level of study, and includes a set of core courses as well as advanced courses in four areas of emphasis.

### *Areas of Emphasis*

The TSE specialization is organized around four areas of emphasis:

1. Learning and Instruction.
2. Teaching and the Design of Learning Systems.
3. Ethical, Social, and Policy Perspectives.
4. Evaluation and Assessment.

Students have the option of designing a program of study that provides breadth of understanding by cutting across all four areas of emphasis or pursuing in-depth study within one or more of the areas of emphasis.

### **Operating Units**

Operating units are independent research, development, and service agencies affiliated with the College of Education. These units, which are staffed by the college faculty, provide a valuable opportunity for graduate students to gain experience doing research. Other units exist within individual departments. The College operating units are:

Bureau of Educational Research.....	236 Education Building
Center for the Study of Reading.....	51 Gerty Drive
Council on Teacher Education.....	505 Green Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Educational Career Services .....	505 Green Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Transition Institute.....	51 Gerty Drive
Development and Alumni Relations .....	38 Education Building
Office of School-University Research Relations.....	236 Education Building
Office of Educational Technology.....	25 Education Building

### **Program Responsibility**

Responsibility for fulfilling all requirements for an advanced degree and for complying with the regulations of the Graduate College, the College of Education, and the student's department rests with the student and the adviser. The specific requirements for each degree are outlined in this handbook. Additional information concerning requirements, such as deadlines which change from year to year, can be obtained from the departmental office or the academic calendar ([www.oar.uiuc.edu/calndr.html](http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/calndr.html)). Students should refer to the *Handbook for Graduate Students*

and Advisers published by the Graduate College regarding Graduate College policies and to the Code on Campus Affairs and Handbook of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students regarding campus policies.

### **Graduate Credit Loads**

Graduate students and advisers should be guided by the following minimum and maximum credit loads.

#### **Normal and Maximum Credit Loads**

Graduate students who hold University appointments of various percentages are considered to be making normal progress towards a degree if they carry the amount of credit indicated in the “Normal Load” column in the table that follows. A department may not require a graduate assistant to have a load greater than the normal load. Unless permission is granted by the adviser, students are not encouraged to carry loads above or below these guidelines. Maximum credit loads are as indicated; students must petition to carry more than the maximum number of hours allowed by their appointments.

The normal assistantship within the College of Education is 50% FTE; for a student to receive an appointment beyond 50%, the adviser and employing faculty or staff member must make a request justifying the request and stipulating that the additional work will not impede the student’s progress toward his/her degree. Requests for exception should be sent to the Dean’s Office, 38 Education.

<b>GRADUATE CREDIT LOADS</b>				
<u>University Appointment</u> (% FTE)	<u>Normal Load</u> (Hours)	<u>Maximum Credit Loads without Petitioning</u>		
		<u>Semester</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
0 - 10	12 - 16	20	6	12
11 - 25	12 - 16	18	6	10
26 - 40	10 - 14	16	4	8
41 - 60	8 - 12	14	4	8
61 - 74	6 - 10	12	4	6
75 - 90	4 - 8	10	3	6
91 -100	2 - 6	8	3	4

Assistantships of at least 25% and no more than 67%, if held for at least three-quarters of the term (91 days), will carry a full waiver of the tuition, service fee, McKinley Health fee, a \$100 credit toward university assessed health coverage, and university vision and dental coverage. Information on the health plans can be found at <http://www.si.uiuc.edu/>. Graduate assistants are responsible for paying all other assessed fees.

Except under unusual circumstances and by petition to the Graduate College at the time of registration, these maximum limits cannot be exceeded. Petitions for overloads exceeding 2 hours may be granted for thesis credit, and to paid interns for work-related academic credit. Petitions for such overloads must be received in the Graduate College by the tenth day of instruction or they will not be considered.

## **Guidelines for Registration in Independent Study Courses**

Students who are well qualified to do independent study are eligible to enroll in Independent Study courses. Registration in an Independent Study course provides the opportunity for the student to carry out a planned learning activity under the direction of a faculty member. A description of the activity must be developed by the student and approved by the supervising faculty member and the appropriate department chair/head. A copy of the approved description must be on file in the department office prior to registration.

Repeated enrollment for credit in an Independent Study course is permissible. However, no more than 8 hours of Independent Study can be applied towards a master's or Certificate of Advanced Study degree, and no more than 12 hours toward a doctorate except with the approval of the College of Education Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

## **Grading System**

Final grades for courses are recorded as follows: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F (fail). Credit for a course in which a student has received an F cannot be counted toward the degree. Points in the computation of Grade-point averages (GPA) are as follows:

<b>GRADING SYSTEM</b>			
<u>Grade</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>GPA</u>
A+	4.00	C	2.00
A	4.00	C-	1.67
A-	3.67	D+	1.33
B+	3.33	D	1.00
B	3.00	D-	.67
B-	2.67	F	0.00
C+	2.33		(no plus or minus for F)

### *Other Symbols*

Symbols other than those above are used, but excluded from the computation of grade-point averages:

Symbols used by the University include:

**W** - Approved withdrawal without credit.

**NR** - Grade not reported.

**MISS** - Missing grade.

**I** - Temporarily excused. An extension of time may be granted by the instructor, if permitted by departmental policy, to a student who has not completed the final examination or other requirements for the course. An excused grade given in the fall term must be replaced by a letter grade no later than the reading day of the spring term. An excused grade given in the spring or summer term must be replaced by a letter grade no later than the reading day of the fall term. Failure to complete the work within this time automatically results in a grade of "F by rule." If the student does not maintain continuous enrollment, the excused grade becomes an "F by rule" after one

calendar year. An “F by rule” is distinguished from an “FR” on the transcript, but counts as an “F” in computing the GPA.

**DFR** - Grade temporarily deferred. Used only in research courses and in other approved courses that usually extend beyond one semester. The time limit for the DF grade to revert to “F by rule” is the same as for the “I” grade except in regard to the thesis research course (599) and certain other deferred courses.

**S or U** - Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory —These two symbols are used as final grades only for thesis research and in certain other approved courses. They are not included in GPA computation.

**Credit-No Credit** - This symbol is used only if a graduate student has registered for a course under the credit-no credit option with the approval of his or her major department and adviser. The student must have at least 8 hours of course work in his or her graduate program with grades of A through C for every hour of credit-no credit work. This option may be chosen during advance enrollment, the regular registration period, or through the last day allowed for dropping a course without academic penalty. Students may elect to return to the regular basis for filing an amended request by the deadline date for dropping a course without academic penalty as indicated in the Graduate College Calendar. The credit-no credit option form must be properly approved and deposited in the Graduate College Records Office.

Courses for which students must receive specified grades (e.g., Research Specialization Committee approved courses for Ph.D. students, EPSY 480 and cognate requirement courses for Ed.D. students) may not be taken on a credit-no credit basis. Credit-no credit courses may not be used to meet the 32-hour minimum for the master’s degree, the minimum hour requirements for the Certificate of Advanced Study, or the minimum hour requirement for either the Ed.D. or Ph.D. degrees.

**AB** - Absent from the final examination without an acceptable excuse; counts as a failure (F) in the GPA.

**FR** - F by Rule.

#### *Action Taken When Grade-Point Average Drops Below the Minimum*

A graduate student who has taken a minimum of 12 hours of graduate work (excluding thesis research credit) at the Urbana-Champaign campus with a grade-point average lower than 3.00 (or the department minimum, whichever is lower) will receive a letter of warning from the Graduate College. A student who has taken a minimum of 24 hours (excluding thesis research credit) with a grade-point average below the applicable minimum will be reclassified to "limited status" for no longer than one semester or summer session. After one term on limited status, no further registration will be permitted unless the department makes a request to the Graduate College for reinstatement of the student to "full standing." A student on limited status for admission deficiencies will have one semester in which to raise his/her overall graduate GPA to his/her program's minimum. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Graduate College. Students on limited status are not eligible to receive graduate degrees.

#### **Limited Status**

If the student’s record indicates some deficiency at the time of admission, the student enters the degree program on limited status as recommended by the departmental area of specialization to the Student Academic Affairs Office and to the Graduate College. The most common deficiencies are an unacceptable grade-point average, incomplete admission data, or the lack of a teaching certificate where it is an admission requirement. Limited status admissions clearly state

the nature of the limitation(s), the conditions and the time limits for removal, and the consequences of removal or the failure to do so. Removal of limitations ordinarily results in full standing, and no graduate degree may be conferred until removal of limitations has occurred.

### **Financial Aid and Awards**

Financial assistance is offered to a majority of doctoral students and to some master's students during their period of study. Various fellowships as well as assistantships between 25% – 67% provide a stipend and a waiver of the tuition and service fee. Students who wish to be considered for financial assistance should obtain proper forms from the admissions secretary in the offices listed under "Departments and Areas of Specialization." Students may not hold more than one full fellowship during any given semester. All types of fellowships, assistantships, and tuition and fee waivers from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign require:

1. An up-to-date financial aid application to be sent to the departmental office by early February. Please check with individual departments for specific deadlines.
2. Three letters of recommendation not more than one year old. All students who wish to continue fellowships or tuition and service fee waivers beyond the current academic year must have at least one new letter from a University of Illinois professor sent to the departmental office.
3. Transcripts of all college work.

In addition to fellowships, assistantships and tuition and service fee waivers offered by departments, other forms of financial aid and non-monetary recognition awards are available to graduate students in education. Below are brief descriptions of the various forms of financial aid and recognition awards for graduate students in education.

### **Graduate College Funding Opportunities**

#### *Conference Travel Grants For Graduate Students*

Twice a year, the Graduate College will provide grants, not to exceed \$300, for students to travel to professional conferences. These conference travel grants are intended to support students who will be presenting papers, posters, or creative work at the conferences they attend. The deadlines for materials to be submitted to your department are September 20, 2004 and February 21, 2005. To apply for this grant, please see the complete policy and procedures for application at [www.grad.uiuc.edu](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu).

#### *Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grants*

Graduate College Dissertation Travel Grants provide support, on a competitive basis to subsidize travel and other related costs in doctoral dissertation research, including topic exploration (prior to preliminary examination) and dissertation research which cannot be met from other sources. Awards are made based on merit and quality of the proposal. Two competitions per year are held, with proposals usually due in September and March. More information can be found on the Graduate College website (<https://www.grad.uiuc.edu/Fellowship/fellowship-query-by-cat.cfm>).

***The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Program (formerly IMGIP/ICEOP)*** The DFI is a need-based Fellowship Program for ethnic groups traditionally underrepresented in faculty and staff positions in Illinois higher education (African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans). Applicants must hold a high school diploma or post-secondary degree from an educational institution in Illinois or be a

registered voter in Illinois with three or more years of residency in Illinois, and must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. Stipend levels are subject to change, but are projected to be from \$12,500 - \$16,000 for full-time enrollment.

More information regarding fellowships offered by the Graduate College can be found in the Graduate College Fellowship Office Bulletin located on the web at <https://www.grad.uiuc.edu/Fellowship/fellowship-query-by-cat.cfm>.

### **College of Education Awards**

All award recipients will be expected to attend the student recognition banquet to meet their donor(s) as well as write and thank their donor(s).

#### *Babcock Fellowships*

A single Wanda Taeschner Babcock Fellowship is awarded each year to an entering (master's or doctoral level) underrepresented minority student who intends to pursue full-time graduate study (minimum of 12 hours per semester) on this campus in the College of Education through completion of the degree. The Wanda Taeschner Babcock Fellowship recipient will receive a stipend of \$9,500 for two consecutive years and a tuition and service fee waiver from the college. Student must be in good standing (not on limited status) and maintain satisfactory and continuous progress toward their degree objective. The department must provide a minimum of a 25% assistantship which is optional for the student to accept. The College of Education and its departments are encouraged to identify and recruit top candidates for this unique Fellowship.

#### *William Chandler Bagley Scholars*

The College of Education designates outstanding undergraduate and graduate students as Bagley Scholars. These awards are funded from gifts of alumni and friends of the College of Education and named after William Chandler Bagley, an early Director of the former School of Education, who was known for his insistence that both formal training and experience are needed to promote good educational practice. Applicants must be currently enrolled in programs in the College of Education as a full-time graduate student (minimum of 12 hours per semester) and continue full-time status in the College of Education the next academic year. Applicants must possess and maintain at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average, be in good academic standing (not on limited status), and maintain satisfactory and continuous progress toward the degree objective. Scholars are eligible for a maximum of three Bagley awards and receive a taxable award from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

#### *Letitia Walsh Fellowships*

A Letitia Walsh Fellowship for study in education is awarded annually to an incoming doctoral student who intends to pursue full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 hours per semester) on this campus in the College of Education through the completion of degree. The primary criteria for selection are academic merit, professional experience and potential for contributing to the field of education. The Letitia Walsh Fellowship recipient will receive a stipend of \$10,000 for two consecutive years and a tuition and service fee waiver from the college. The department must provide a minimum of a 25% assistantship which is optional for the student to accept. Guidelines are available through the departments and the Academic Affairs Office. Fellowship stipends are taxable.

### *Al S. Davis Leadership Award*

The Al S. Davis Leadership Award honors the life and educational career of Al Davis and his long and ongoing relationship with the UIUC College of Education. Mr. Davis strongly believes that all students can learn in an educational climate highlighted by strong leadership. This merit-based award supports a graduate student in the College of Education who intends to pursue a leadership role in teaching/administration in a K–12 urban school environment. Detailed guidelines are available through the departments and the Student Academic Affairs Office. Scholars will receive a taxable award of \$1,000.

### *Frederick A. Rodgers Award*

To honor the career of professor emeritus Frederick A. Rodgers, this merit-based award supports doctoral candidates in the UIUC College of Education who are working full-time as teachers or administrators with underserved students in an urban environment. Professor Rodgers is a recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Education Alumni Association. Applicant must be a full-time graduate student (minimum of 12 hours per semester), be in good academic standing (not on limited status), maintain satisfactory and continuous progress toward a doctorate degree and have passed qualifying examinations, and must be enrolled the next full academic year. Detailed guidelines are available through the departments and the Student Academic Affairs Office. The Frederick A. Rodgers Award is taxable, and the amount of the award will be determined on an annual basis by the Graduate Awards Committee.

### **Graduate Assistantships**

Assistantships are awarded to students admitted and enrolled for graduate study and are available in departments and operating units both within and outside the College of Education. Assistantships of at least 25% and no more than 67%, if held for at least three-quarters of the term (91 days), will carry a full waiver of the tuition, service fee, McKinley Health fee, a \$100 credit toward university assessed health coverage, and university vision and dental coverage. Information on the health plans can be found at <http://www.si.uiuc.edu/>. Graduate assistants are responsible for paying all other assessed fees. Students holding an assistantship between 25% - 67% during the spring semester are entitled to an automatic tuition and service fee waiver for the following summer session. In addition to other requirements, all assistantship applicants must have a personal interview with the department or unit in which they are applying. Assistantships are work assignments for specified percentages of time, with duties determined by the hiring unit and are taxable.

### **Stand-alone Tuition and Fee Waivers**

A limited number of twelve-month stand-alone tuition and service fee waivers are available on a competitive basis. All assessed fees other than the service fee are the students' responsibility. Students should consult their departments for specific application procedures and deadlines. Among the factors and evidence considered in the review of applications for tuition and service fee waivers are the following:

1. Grade-point average.
2. Professional and academic experience.
3. Student's goal statement.
4. Evidence of academic or professional distinction.
5. Letters of recommendation.
6. Publications and scholarship.

### **Education Alumni Association Graduate Medals (non-monetary recognition)**

The Education Alumni Association Graduate Medals are presented annually to a Master's or Certificate of Advanced Study graduate and a doctoral graduate at the College of Education Convocation. The recipients will deliver a convocation address on behalf of their class. Criteria for selection include outstanding scholarship, service to the College of Education and campus, and potential leadership in the field of education. Nominations, due in February, are solicited from faculty and staff. The Awards Committee of the Educational Alumni Association makes the final selection.

### **Dissertation Travel Grants**

College of Education Dissertation Travel Grants provide support, on a competitive basis, to subsidize travel and other related costs in doctoral dissertation research, including topic exploration (prior to preliminary examination) and dissertation research. Awards are made based on merit and quality of proposal. Guidelines are available through the departments.

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Master of Education Degree (Ed.M)**

The Master of Education program is designed to meet the academic and professional interests of a person working in the educational field (e.g., a teacher, counselor, administrator, or curriculum specialist).

### **Program Plan**

Upon admission to a Master of Education program, each student is assigned an academic adviser in an area of specialization. The student and adviser plan a program of study to meet the student's individual goals and general degree requirements. Departments may require that a copy of the program plan be kept on file.

### **Hour Requirements**

Once admitted to the program, students must complete a minimum of 32 hours on the Urbana-Champaign campus or in university extramural courses.

### **Time Limits**

The Graduate College permits master's degree candidates five years from the date of the student's first enrollment in Graduate College to complete degree requirements. This enables a student whose professional or personal commitments prohibit the attendance of graduate school on a full-time basis to enjoy considerable flexibility in planning a program. Students are required to notify the department of their intent to graduate.

Students unable to complete the degree requirements within this time limit must petition for an extension of time. Time extension petitions must include a timeline for expected completion and an anticipated graduation date (May, August, October, or December). These petitions are considered and acted upon by the student's adviser, the department, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and the Graduate College. Each individual who has authority to act on the petition may either approve or deny the petition.



### **Requirements for Ed.M. Candidates**

All students admitted to a Master of Education degree program must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

2 hours            One course from the psychological foundations of learning area: EPSY 400, 401, or 402. Students in master's certification programs may also take EPSY 485 to meet this requirement.

2 hours            One course from the psychological foundations of personality and development area: EPSY 404, 405, or 406. Students in master's certification programs may also take EPSY 430 to meet this requirement.

OR

Students planning to work with adults may take EPSY 407 for 4 hours to meet both of the above EPSY foundations requirements.

OR

Four hours of EPSY 408 meets both foundational requirements for EPSY. It is especially appropriate for graduate students participating in the TSE graduate specialization.

2 hours            One course from the social foundations requirements: EPS 400, 402, 403, 404, 420, 421, 423, 424, and 426.

2 hours            A second course from the philosophical foundations area: EPS 401, 410, 411, 412, 413, and 414

12 hours           Twelve hours of 500-level courses in education (599 thesis hours not included)

12 hours           Twelve hours of additional 400- or 500-level courses selected by the student in consultation with an academic adviser (including up to 8 hours of 599 credit).

32 hours           TOTAL

In addition to the specific requirements stated above, individual departments in the College of Education may require additional courses to complete the student's degree program. A student who passes a proficiency examination in any of the required courses listed above is excused from that course requirement. However, credit toward the degree is not given for courses passed by such an examination.

### **Master of Arts (A.M.) and Master of Science (M.S.) Degree**

The Master of Arts (A.M.) and Master of Science (M.S.) degree programs are for the student who has research interests in education. The candidate often enters these programs with the intent of eventually pursuing a doctoral program leading to the Ed.D. or Ph.D. degree. The major difference between these degrees and the Ed.M. is the requirement that a master's thesis be completed and defended as part of the degree. For all theses involving the use of human

subjects, approval must be obtained from the College Human Subjects Review Committee and verification provided to the Student Academic Affairs Office, 110 Education.

### **Program Plan**

Upon admission to a Master of Arts or a Master of Science program, each student is assigned an academic adviser in an area of specialization. The student and adviser plan a program of study to meet the student's individual goals and general degree requirements. Departments may require that a copy of the program plan be kept on file.

### **Hour Requirements**

Once admitted to the A.M. or M.S. program, students must complete a minimum of 32 hours on the Urbana-Champaign campus or in university extramural courses, of which 8 hours may be for thesis credit. A minimum of 2 hours of thesis credit is required.

### **Time Limits**

The Graduate College permits master's degree candidates five years from the date of first enrollment in the Graduate College to complete degree requirements. This enables a student whose professional or personal commitments prohibit the attendance of graduate school on a full-time basis to enjoy considerable flexibility in planning a program. Students are required to notify the department of their intent to graduate.

Students unable to complete the degree requirements within this time limit must petition for an extension of time. Time extension petitions must include a timeline for expected completion and an anticipated graduation date (May, August, October, or December). These petitions are considered and acted upon by the student's adviser, the department, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and the Graduate College. Each individual who has authority to act on the petition may either approve or deny the petition.

### **Requirements for A.M. and M.S. Candidates**

All students admitted to a Master of Arts or a Master of Science degree program must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

2 hours            One course from the psychological foundations of learning area: EPSY 400, 401, or 402. Students in master's certification programs may also take EPSY 485 to meet this requirement.

2 hours            One course from the psychological foundations of personality and development area: EPSY 404, 405, or 406. Students in master's certification programs may also take EPSY 430 to meet this requirement.

OR

Students planning to work with adults may take EPSY 407 for 4 hours to meet both of the above EdPsy foundations requirements.

OR

Four hours of EPSY 408 meets both foundational requirements for EPSY. It is especially appropriate for graduate students participating in the TSE graduate specialization.

2 hours	One course from the social foundations requirements: EPS 400, 402, 403, 404, 420, 421, 423, 424, and 426.
2 hours	A second course from the philosophical foundations area: EPS 401, 410, 411, 412, 413, and 414
12 hours	Twelve hours of 500-level courses in education (599 thesis hours not included)
12 hours	Twelve hours of additional 400- or 500-level courses selected by the student in consultation with an academic adviser (including up to 8 hours of 599 credit).
32 hours	TOTAL

In addition to the specific requirements stated above, individual departments in the College of Education may require additional courses to complete the student's degree program. A student who passes a proficiency examination in any of the required courses listed above is excused from that course requirement. However, credit toward the degree is not given for courses passed by such an examination.

### **Thesis**

The A.M. and M.S. degree candidates must write a master's thesis and defend it in an oral examination before a committee of at least three faculty members. In appointing the committee, the student's adviser nominates members through an *Appointment of Master (Oral) Committee* form from the Student Academic Affairs Office. This form requires the departmental chair/head's review and approval and should be returned to the Student Academic Affairs Office at least three weeks before the examination.

After the committee is appointed, the oral examination takes place. The adviser obtains the *Certificate of Result*, the *Certificate of Approval* and a *Supplemental Grade Report* form from the Student Academic Affairs Office immediately before the examination and returns them to the same office immediately after the examination. All appointed committee members' signatures are required on three copies of the *Certificate of Approval* form (two for the Graduate College and one for the student) and one copy of the *Certificate of Result of Master Examination* form (College of Education).

The *Certificate of Result of Master Examination* form may indicate positive or negative actions, but it is also possible to "adjourn" the committee and reconvene at a later date. However, the committee may not be adjourned longer than six months.

### **Thesis Editorial Style and Format Approval**

For A.M. and M.S. candidates, the thesis must be prepared using one of the following commonly accepted editorial styles:

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Harvard Law Review Association. (1991). *A uniform system of citation* (15th ed.). Cambridge, MA: Author.

Modern Language Association. (1988). *MLA handbook for writers of research papers* (3rd ed.). New York: Author.

Turabian, K. L. (1987). *A manual for writers of term papers, theses, and dissertations* (5th ed.). Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

University of Chicago. (1993). *The Chicago manual of style* (14th ed.). Chicago: The University of Chicago.

The student will consult with the adviser and thesis committee members to choose the style to be used. In exceptional circumstances, style manuals not listed above may be used with prior approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. In addition, the *Instructions for Preparation of Theses* issued by the Graduate College must be followed. In the case of explicit differences between the Graduate College instructions and the style manual selected, the Graduate College instructions take precedence. For example, students choosing the APA style manual should follow the Graduate College instructions rather than those included in the APA manual for insertion of tables and figures. Every thesis in final manuscript form must be reviewed and approved by the Student Academic Affairs Office. It is highly recommended that students turn in a draft for a *preliminary* format review after the completion of the preliminary oral exam. The student must specify which editorial style has been selected for use. A submission deadline date for the final format review is set before each graduation date. The student should allow a minimum of three weeks for the final format review and approval.

### **Thesis Deposit**

After the examination and format check, two copies of the thesis are deposited in the Graduate College, 204 Coble Hall. Students should note the deadline dates for each degree-granting period. These dates can be found at [www.grad.uiuc.edu/thesis/deadlines.html](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/thesis/deadlines.html).

Note: At any time after degree requirements have been satisfied and the thesis has been deposited, the Graduate College or Student Academic Affairs Office in the College of Education will issue, at the request of the student, an official statement certifying that requirements have been met and that the degree will be awarded at the next conferral date.

### **Certificate of Advanced Study Degree (CAS)**

The Certificate of Advanced Study is a terminal degree for education professionals beyond the master's degree. It should not be taken by students who plan to pursue a doctorate at a later date. Credit earned for a completed Certificate of Advanced Study cannot be applied toward the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree.

### **Program Plan**

Upon admission to a Certificate of Advanced Study program, each student is assigned an academic adviser in an area of specialization. The student and adviser plan a program of study to meet the student's individual goals and general degree requirements. A copy of the student's program, signed by the adviser, must be filed in the Student Academic Affairs Office during the

first semester of summer session of registration. Credit for courses not shown on the student's program on file is not acceptable.

### **Hour Requirements**

Once admitted to the program, students must complete a minimum of 32 hours on the Urbana-Champaign campus or in university extramural courses.

### **Time Limits**

The Graduate College permits Certificate of Advanced Study candidates five years from the date of first enrollment in the Graduate College to complete degree requirements. This enables a student whose professional or personal commitments prohibit the attendance of graduate school on a full-time basis to enjoy considerable flexibility in planning a program. Students are required to notify the department of their intent to graduate.

Students unable to complete the degree requirements within this time limit must petition for an extension of time. Time extension petitions must include a timeline for expected completion and an anticipated graduation date (May, August, October, or December). These petitions are considered and acted upon by the student's adviser, the department, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and the Graduate College. Each individual who has authority to act on the petition may either approve or deny the petition.

### **Requirements for Certificate of Advanced Study Candidates**

All students admitted to a Certificate of Advanced Study program must fulfill the following minimum requirements.

1. The entire program must be planned in advance and must be preceded by at least two years of acceptable professional work experience.
2. Thirty two or more hours in approved coursework must be taken beyond the master's degree.
3. Sixteen of these 32 hours must be taken at the 500-level.

Students who have completed a Master's degree at another institution other than the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

2 hours	One course from the psychological foundations of learning area: EPSY 400, 401, or 402.
2 hours	One course from the psychological foundations of personality and development area: EPSY 404, 405, or 406.
2 hours	One course from the social foundations requirements: EPS 400, 402, 403, 404, 420, 421, 423, 424, and 426.
2 hours	One course from the philosophical foundations area: EPS 401, 410, 411, 412, 413, and 414.
8 hours	TOTAL

In addition to the specific requirements stated above, individual departments in the College of Education may require additional courses to complete the student's degree program. A student who passes a proficiency examination in any of the required courses listed above is excused from that course requirement. However, credit toward the degree is not given for courses passed by such an examination.

### **Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.)**

The Doctor of Philosophy degree program is planned by the student with the adviser to develop the student's ability to conduct research in a specialized field of education.

### **Requirements for Ph.D. Candidates**

The minimum course requirements for a standard Ph.D. degree within the College of Education include:

1. Completion of at least 64 hours beyond the master's degree including:
  - a. A minimum of 32 hours of coursework in the major subjects.
  - b. At least 4 hours, but no more than 32 hours of thesis research credit.
2. In addition to the 64 hours, students must fulfill the Ph.D. Research Specialization Requirements. Information regarding the Ph.D. Research Specialization Requirements can be found at [www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/phdresearchspec.html](http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/saao/grad/phdresearchspec.html).

### **Residence**

A total of 64 hours of credit beyond the master's degree must be earned in courses on the Urbana-Champaign campus or in university extramural courses. These 64 hours may include up to 32 hours of dissertation research credit. Courses taken to satisfy the Ph.D. Research Specialization requirement are not counted as part of this 64 hour minimum. Ph.D. continuous residence requirements can be satisfied by two consecutive semesters of full-time (12 hours or more) coursework. Thesis research credit may **not** be counted in meeting the continuous residence requirements.

In the College of Education, Ph.D. study must include a period of full-time engagement on campus, during which time students are expected to interact with faculty and other students, read widely within and beyond the major field, and contemplate scholarly issues as they relate to professional practice. What the department seeks to ensure by this requirement is a period of complete immersion, with the least possible distractions, in the intellectual, collegial, and cultural life of the discipline, not just that of the campus at large.

During this continuous residence period, a student is expected to participate in non-course work activities available as part of the intellectual activity of the discipline: seminars, colloquies, and informal and often ad hoc discussion groups. Although the quality of the residency cannot be legislated, conditions believed to provide the greatest possible opportunity to achieve the desired quality can be specified. It is the responsibility of the student and adviser to ensure that the spirit, as well as the letter, of this requirement is honored. The student and adviser should plan this period as thoughtfully as any other portion of the doctoral program.

Students not engaged in full-time graduate study may meet the residence requirement by presenting evidence that the spirit of the requirement has been satisfied. This evidence should

include full documentation of residence-type activities on campus, approved by the candidate's adviser.

For those students who hope to satisfy the residence requirement for a period when they were employed full-time, it would be helpful for this documentation to show that at least 25% of their time on the job was devoted to activities in keeping with the spirit of the residence requirement, and to provide a letter from the employer stating that such time was available for the period in question.

Students wishing to fulfill the requirement without full-time enrollment will need to request approval, documenting by letter the activities the student and adviser wish to have considered as meeting the residence requirement. The request should be made to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Education, 110 Education Building. (Graduate Faculty Action, September 14, 1988)

### **Early Research Requirement**

All Ph.D. students shall conduct and present an educational research study early in their graduate programs. This research should be undertaken with the expectation that it will make a contribution to knowledge in the area of the student's Ph.D. program. In addition, an important objective of the early research requirement is to familiarize faculty members with new Ph.D. students and their research interests and to examine ways in which these interests might be pursued in the doctoral program.

In the first calendar year of doctoral study, every Ph.D. student, in consultation with his or her adviser, shall form an early research committee consisting of the adviser and two other faculty members. The student should consult with committee members early in the first year to obtain agreement on the nature of the project. Committee members are expected to provide counsel as the early research project develops. Whenever extended work with a faculty member is anticipated, the student should arrange for independent study credit. Prior to writing the qualifying exams, the doctoral student must be near the completion of course work and must have completed the Early Research Requirement. Written verification of the completion of the Early Research Requirement must be on file in the Student Academic Affairs Office.

Before the formation of the Early Research Oral Examination Committee, the student shall formally present to his or her committee a written and oral report on the early research project. All three members of the committee must approve the work as satisfying the early research requirement for the Ph.D., and they should sign the *Early Research Requirement* form. At this time the completed Early Research Requirement form should be filed in the Student Academic Affairs Office.

A student who has completed a master's thesis as part of earlier graduate work may, upon the advice of his or her adviser, present that research as the early research project. After hearing the presentation, the Early Research Committee may accept the thesis as satisfying the early research requirement or, should they judge the thesis wanting in either quality or relevance to the student's doctoral program, may recommend that it be revised or that another line of inquiry be pursued for the early research requirement.

A student who enters a master's degree program with the intent of subsequently pursuing the Ph.D. is encouraged to discuss with his or her adviser the possibility of forming the Early

Research Committee prior to conducting the master's thesis research. (Graduate Faculty Action, December 9, 1988) For all early research involving the use of human subjects, approval must be obtained from the College Human Subjects Review Committee prior to beginning the research. Written verification must be sent to the Student Academic Affairs Office.

### **Master's Thesis or Equivalent Paper**

The Ph.D. student who has not written a master's thesis must prepare and submit a paper equivalent to a master's thesis. It must then be defended before a committee prior to the preliminary oral examination. This committee includes the student's adviser and two other faculty members. All committee members must approve and sign the form signifying the completion of the equivalent paper and the examination. Students who have written a master's thesis must submit a verification form, signed by the adviser, to the Student Academic Affairs Office.

### **Evaluation of Academic Progress**

Each department in the College of Education has a procedure for evaluating a student's progress toward the doctoral degree. These procedures have been approved by the Graduate Programs Committee. The evaluation of academic progress, whether by examination or other formal review, results in a decision regarding student progress. When a decision is made that a student is not making satisfactory progress, the student, the adviser, and the Student Academic Affairs Office will be informed in writing by the department. **This evaluation will take place no later than the end of the second year after a student enters the Graduate College.**

### **Qualifying Examinations**

The Qualifying Examinations are written comprehensive examinations administered to doctoral students near the completion of their course work. The examinations are scheduled by faculty advisers through their department office. Purposes of the qualifying examinations in the College of Education include: assessment of the candidate's breadth in the discipline and depth in areas of interest; providing opportunity to explore, make connections, and integrate content in the discipline. The exam is comprised of the following parts:

#### *The General Field Exam*

All Ph.D. candidates will take a General Field Examination covering the field of study embraced by the home department or division. Each department faculty will establish procedures for developing the questions and selecting at least three readers for the General Field Exam. Readers must be faculty members of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with expertise in the field being examined. The department faculty will also determine whether an on-site or take-home format will be used for the General Field Exam.

#### *The Special Field Exam*

All Ph.D. candidates will take a Special Field Examination covering an area of specialization proposed by the student with the concurrence of the adviser. The Special Field should be a scholarly specialization more broadly conceived than the anticipated dissertation topic.

The adviser will be responsible for developing questions for the Special Field Exam, drawing upon the expertise of other faculty when needed. The adviser, in consultation with the candidate, will also determine the format of the examination and select at least three faculty readers with expertise in the field being examined.



### *Eligibility*

Prior to writing the qualifying exams, the doctoral student must be near the completion of course work and must have completed the Early Research Experience. Written verification of the completion of the Early Research Experience requirement must be on file in the Student Academic Affairs Office.

### *Responsibilities of the Adviser in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Review the student's file to determine readiness to take the exams, and ascertain the requirements, procedures, and deadlines pertaining to the examinations from the department office.
2. Confer with the student concerning the exam format, content, and evaluation criteria and arrange for student to take General Field examination in accordance with the department guidelines.
3. Identify, with the student, at least two other faculty members as readers for the special exam, prepare the Special Field exam questions, and consult with other faculty readers as needed.
4. Submit examination questions and readers' names to the department office and inform the department office if the student will be allowed special materials or will need special equipment or provisions for the exam.
5. Confer with the student after the exam concerning the student's performance.

### *Responsibilities of the Student in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Consult with the adviser when she or he is eligible and ready to take the exams and discuss the selection of questions, format, and readers with the adviser.
2. Discuss the specific purposes and evaluation criteria for the exams with the adviser and readers and asks the adviser to share sample questions from previous qualifying exams.
3. Ensure that the *Qualifying Examination Information* form is filed in the department office.
4. Confer with the adviser for comments and suggestions concerning examination performance.

### *Responsibilities of the Department Office in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Inform faculty and students about the requirements, procedures, and deadlines pertaining to qualifying examinations.
2. Distribute questions to student, oversee administration, and distribute completed exams, with evaluation sheets, to readers.
3. Collect and compile evaluations.
4. Communicate results of the exam to students, advisers, and Student Academic Affairs Office.

### *Examination Formats*

Formats should be decided well in advance of exam dates. In particular, students should discuss the format of the Special Field Exam with their advisers to arrive at a recommendation that best meets student needs and the expectation of the adviser. The three formats are:

1. **On-Site Format.** A room and proctor are scheduled by the department. Normally, the General Field and the Special Field are each scheduled for a four-hour block of time. The time limit will be set by each department (or division).

2. **Take-home Format.** A take-home format may be used for the General Field exam (at the option of the department) and for the Special Field exam (at the option of the adviser). In the take-home format the candidate, with the approval of the adviser, writes the exam at a place of his or her choosing with no restriction on books or other written materials to be used. Because the purpose of the qualifying examination is to assess individual competence, students should not discuss the exam with anyone other than their adviser after they have picked up the questions. The time limit for this take-home exam will be set by each department (or division).
3. **Portfolio Format (Special Field only).** This format consists of assembling a focused collection of 3 or 4 high quality papers and/or projects which are then defended before three faculty readers. The number, subject, and length of the required papers or projects are decided by the adviser in consultation with the student. Portfolio submissions can include collaborative work, but independent work must also be reflected in the portfolio. The portfolio may include work completed to satisfy other requirements for the doctoral degree such as course papers, early research papers, master's theses, and Research Specialization papers. The portfolio must be submitted with an original, independently written synthesis paper that defines the special field and articulates how each piece of the portfolio connects or contributes to the special field and its literature. If the portfolio option is selected, the student will discuss this work at an oral defense before the three faculty readers, after which the readers will determine whether the student has demonstrated competence in the special field.

#### *Questions and Problems Arising Prior to Taking the Qualifying Exams*

The first person a student should consult concerning the qualifying exams is his or her adviser. If irreconcilable differences arise between the student and adviser concerning scheduling, format, content, or rating procedures, the student should consult the department head/chair or designee. If the problem cannot be resolved, consult the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Normal grievance procedures can be used (see Graduate Student Appeals section of this document). If a student wishes to postpone a scheduled examination, the request should be made through the adviser to the department office.

#### *Evaluation of the Qualifying Exams*

To pass the examination, the student must receive satisfactory or excellent ratings from all readers in both the General Field and the Special Field. There are three possible ratings for both sections of the qualifying exams.

1. **Excellent doctoral work.** This rating is given for excellent doctoral work. If more than fifty percent of a candidate's ratings are excellent, the student is given a letter of special commendation by the department head/chair.
2. **Satisfactory doctoral work.** This rating is given for work that demonstrates competence expected of advanced students in the field. Candidates who receive ratings of "excellent" or "satisfactory" doctoral work will pass the examination.
3. **Unsatisfactory doctoral work.** This rating is given for work that can range from completely unsatisfactory to work with significant gaps in knowledge.

If a second examination is required, the readers shall communicate the major deficiencies to the candidate and make a collective decision as to the format and scope of the second examination. All faculty readers who read the first exam will evaluate the second exam unless a change in

readers has been approved by the department head/chair or designee. Once again, a satisfactory or excellent rating must be awarded by all readers for the candidate to pass the second examination, and should one or more readers judge the performance unsatisfactory, the readers shall meet to review the candidate's performance. If extenuating circumstances exist that warrant a third attempt, the adviser may request approval from the department head/chair or designee. Candidates shall normally be permitted two attempts to pass the Qualifying Examinations.

*Promptness of Evaluations.* Students shall receive results within 3 weeks from the date of the exam. The department will ensure timeliness of review and communicate results to students and to the adviser.

*Report of Examination Results.* After all readers for the exams have returned their evaluations, a report is sent to the student from their department. The report indicates readers' decisions. The student and adviser receive copies of reader sheets. The original forms, the exam questions, and answers are placed on file in the department office after the student has met all requirements.

The student's department office will notify the Student Academic Affairs Office of the results. The Student Academic Affairs Office will complete a degree audit and send a letter to the student, adviser, and department regarding the audit. The audit indicates further degree requirements that must be satisfied before the preliminary and final examination may be taken.

*Graduate Student Grievance Procedures.* If the student and the committee cannot resolve differences satisfactorily, normal grievance procedures, as stated in the Graduate Student Appeals section of this handbook will apply.

### **Ph.D. Research Specialization Requirements**

The purpose of the Ph.D. Research Specialization Requirements is to insure that all Ph.D. candidates in the College of Education have had sufficient coursework and experience to attain proficiency in at least one research methodology and are able to conduct independent dissertation research.

#### *Research Specializations*

The four Research Specializations, Evaluative, Interpretive, Qualitative and Quantitative, were chosen to represent the domain of methodologies prevalent in educational research and pursued by our graduate students and faculty. It is intended that the choice of a Research Specialization will be consistent with a student's dissertation research. While requirements differ for each specialization, all require some combination of introductory and advanced methods coursework, practical experience, and a capstone project. All Research Specializations require a two-stage approval process. Full descriptions of the focus and requirements of each specialization are on the Academic Affairs website at [www.ed.uiuc.edu/sao/grad/phdresearchspec.html](http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/sao/grad/phdresearchspec.html).

### **Human Subjects Approval**

For all dissertations involving the use of human subjects, approval must be obtained from the College Human Subjects Review Committee prior to the preliminary (oral) examination with verification sent to the Student Academic Affairs Office. Further information regarding human subjects approval can be found at [www.ed.uiuc.edu/ber/webpages/humansubjects.html](http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/ber/webpages/humansubjects.html).

## **Preliminary (Oral) Examination**

The purpose of a preliminary oral examination is for a student to present the rationale and format for the dissertation. During the examination, an agreement is reached between the student and the committee concerning the proposed dissertation. Thus, the examination is held prior to the collection of data or other major work on the dissertation. The student does not have to be registered in order to take the preliminary oral examination if 96 hours of graduate work, including the master's degree have been completed.

### *Eligibility*

The preliminary oral examination follows successful completion of the early research requirement, the qualifying examination, the research specialization requirements, completion of course work, and human subjects approval. In addition, all excused (Ex) grades must be changed to letter grades prior to the oral examination.

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## **Dissertation**

The Ph.D. dissertation is intended to demonstrate the student's capacity for independent research. In it, the student should make an original contribution to knowledge. (Graduate Faculty Action, February 15, 1973). The dissertation usually requires a year or more of study.

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### **Doctor of Education Degree (Ed.D.)**

The Doctor of Education degree program is designed to provide students with advanced professional training and to further develop their abilities in the scholarly study of professional problems.

### **Requirements for Ed.D. Candidates**

Ed.D. candidates must complete at least 64 hours of course work beyond the master's degree. These 64 hours minimally include:

1. At least 24 hours in the area of specialization and related areas.
2. A cognate requirement of at least 16 hours.
3. Two courses on research methods. The first will be a research course (e.g. CI 550/EPY 573/SPED 550, Methods of Educational Inquiry or HRE 580, Disciplined Inquiry in Vocational Education) introducing the student to a variety of educational research methodologies. The second course should be selected to improve the student's area of professional expertise and should help prepare the student to carry out research on his or her

expected thesis topic. This second course will be EPSY 480, Elements of Educational Statistics, or a course from one of the approved Research Methodology Areas.

4. A maximum of 16 hours of thesis research credit will be counted toward the degree.

A student who has completed course work as part of the requirements for the Certificate of Advanced Study in

Education at the University of Illinois may petition for the application of not more than 24 hours of such work toward the program leading to the Doctor of Education provided that the course work has been taken within five years of the date of the petition. Students who elect to apply Certificate of Advanced Study credit toward the Ed.D. may apply a maximum of 24 hours of Certificate of Advanced Study work and dissertation hours combined toward the Ed.D. requirements.

### **Residence**

Ed.D. candidates in the College of Education must include a period of continuous engagement on campus, during which time students are expected to interact with faculty and other students, read widely within and beyond their major field of study, and contemplate scholarly issues as they relate to professional practice. For Ed.D. candidates, this must include concurrent and reciprocal participation in an approved full-time combination of academic courses and professional experiences over four consecutive semesters. At the discretion of the student and the adviser, this may or may not include summer sessions.

During the four consecutive semesters, a minimum of 16 academic hours of coursework must be taken on the UIUC campus. The 16 hours may be scheduled in a manner that best fits the residency plan, as specified below. However, students must maintain continuous enrollment during the residence period. Thesis or independent study credit may not be counted toward satisfying the 16 hours requirement, but it may be used to meet the continuous enrollment requirement.

To satisfy the residence requirement, Ed.D. candidates must have approval both prior to beginning the residency and after its completion. Prior to beginning the residency, an *Ed.D. Residency Requirement Plan* form must be completed. Students must have the *Ed.D. Residency Requirement Plan* approved by their advisers and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. In the case of cohort programs, students should have their plans approved by their department and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The plan should include:

1. Statement of purpose showing how coursework and professional experience are related and a rationale for this plan.
2. Statement of expected outcomes.
3. Clear statement of the courses to be taken, the semester in which they will be taken (understanding that revisions may be necessary), and the specific professional experience to which they relate.
4. A plan for how a student is expected to interact with faculty and other students, to read widely within and beyond the major field, and to contemplate scholarly issues as they relate to professional practice.

After an Ed.D. candidate completes the proposed *Ed.D. Residency Requirement Plan*, he/she must have the adviser sign *Ed.D. Residency Requirement Plan* again signifying the *Ed.D.*



*Residency Requirement Plan* was completed. It is then submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for final approval.

### **Evaluation of Academic Progress**

Each department in the College of Education has a procedure for evaluating a student's progress toward the doctoral degree. These procedures have been approved by the Graduate Programs Committee. The evaluation of academic progress, whether by examination or other formal review, results in a decision regarding student progress. When a decision is made that a student is not making satisfactory progress, the student, the adviser, and the Student Academic Affairs Office will be notified in writing by the department. This evaluation will take place no later than the end of the second year after a student enters the Graduate College.

### **Qualifying Examinations**

The Qualifying Examinations are written comprehensive examinations administered to doctoral students near the completion of their course work. The examinations are scheduled by faculty advisers through the departmental office. Purposes of the qualifying examinations in the College of Education include: assessment of the candidate's breadth in the discipline and depth in areas of interest, and providing an opportunity to explore, make connections, and integrate content in the discipline. The exam is comprised of the following parts.

#### *The General Field Exam*

All Ed.D. candidates will take a General Field Examination covering the field of study embraced by the home department or division. Each department faculty will establish procedures for developing the questions and selecting at least three readers for the General Field Exam. Readers must be faculty members of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with expertise in the field being examined. The department faculty will also determine whether an on-site or take-home format will be used for the General Field Exam.

#### *The Special Field Exam*

All Ed.D. candidates will take a Special Field Examination covering an area of specialization proposed by the student with the concurrence of the adviser. The Special Field should be a scholarly specialization more broadly conceived than the anticipated dissertation topic.

The adviser will be responsible for developing questions for the Special Field Exam, drawing upon the expertise of other faculty when needed. The adviser, in consultation with the candidate, will also determine the format of the examination and select at least three faculty readers with expertise in the field being examined.

#### *The Research Methodology Exam*

Each department faculty will establish procedures for developing the questions, selecting readers, and determining the format for the Research Methodology Examination required of Ed.D. students. At the discretion of the department, responsibility for developing and administering these examinations may be delegated to the graduate adviser.

### *Responsibilities of the Adviser in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Review the student's file to determine readiness to take the exams, and ascertain the requirements, procedures, and deadlines pertaining to the examinations from the department office.
2. Confer with the student concerning the exam format, content, and evaluation criteria and arrange for student to take General Field examination in accordance with the department guidelines.
3. Identify, with the student, at least two other faculty members as readers for the special exam, prepare the Special Field exam questions, and consult with other faculty readers as needed.
4. Submit examination questions and readers' names to the department office and inform the department office if the student will be allowed special materials or will need special equipment or provisions for the exam.
5. Confer with the student after the exam concerning the student's performance.

### *Responsibilities of the Student in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Consult with the adviser when she or he is eligible and ready to take the exams and discuss the selection of questions, format, and readers with the adviser.
2. Discuss the specific purposes and evaluation criteria for the exams with the adviser and readers and asks the adviser to share sample questions from previous qualifying exams.
3. Ensure that the *Qualifying Examination Information* form is filed in the department office.
4. Confer with the adviser for comments and suggestions concerning examination performance.

### *Responsibilities of the Department Office in the Qualifying Examination Process*

1. Inform faculty and students about the requirements, procedures, and deadlines pertaining to qualifying examinations.
2. Distribute questions to student, oversee administration, and distribute completed exams, with evaluation sheets, to readers.
3. Collect and compile evaluations.
4. Communicate results of the exam to students, advisers, and Student Academic Affairs Office.

### *Examination Formats*

Formats should be decided well in advance of exam dates. In particular, students should discuss the format of the Special Field Exam with their advisers to arrive at a recommendation that best meets student needs and the expectation of the adviser. The three formats are:

1. **On-Site Format.** A room and proctor are scheduled by the department. Normally, the General Field and the Special Field are each scheduled for a four-hour block of time. The time limit will be set by each department (or division).
2. **Take-home Format.** A take-home format may be used for the General Field exam (at the option of the department) and for the Special Field exam (at the option of the adviser). In the take-home format the candidate, with the approval of the adviser, writes the exam at a place of his or her choosing with no restriction on books or other written materials to be used. Because the purpose of the qualifying examination is to assess individual competence, students should not discuss the exam with anyone other than their adviser after they have

picked up the questions. The time limit for this take-home exam will be set by each department (or division).

3. **Portfolio Format (Special Field only).** This format consists of assembling a focused collection of 3 or 4 high quality papers and/or projects which are then defended before three faculty readers. The number, subject and lengths of the required papers or projects are decided by the adviser in consultation with the student. Portfolio submissions can include collaborative work, but independent work must also be reflected in the portfolio. The portfolio may include work completed to satisfy other requirements for the doctoral degree such as course papers, early research papers, master's theses, and Research Specialization papers. The portfolio must be submitted with an original, independently written synthesis paper that defines the special field and articulates how each piece of the portfolio connects or contributes to the special field and its literature. If the portfolio option is selected, the student will discuss this work at an oral defense before the three faculty readers, after which the readers will determine whether the student has demonstrated competence in the special field.

#### *Questions and Problems Arising Prior to Taking the Qualifying Exams*

The first person whom a student should consult concerning the qualifying exams is his or her adviser. If irreconcilable differences arise between the student and adviser concerning scheduling, format, content, or rating procedures, the student should consult the department head/chair or designee. If the problem cannot be resolved, consult the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Normal grievance procedures can be used (see Graduate Student Appeals section of this document). If a student wishes to postpone a scheduled examination, the request should be made through the adviser to the department office.

#### *Evaluation of the Qualifying Exams*

To pass the examination, the student must receive satisfactory or excellent ratings from all readers in both the General Field and the Special Field. There are three possible ratings for both sections of the qualifying exams.

1. **Excellent doctoral work.** This rating is given for excellent doctoral work. If more than fifty percent of a candidate's ratings are excellent, the student is given a letter of special commendation by the department head/chair.
2. **Satisfactory doctoral work.** This rating is given for work that demonstrates competence expected of advanced students in the field. Candidates who receive ratings of "excellent" or "satisfactory" doctoral work will pass the examination.
3. **Unsatisfactory doctoral work.** This rating is given for work that can range from completely unsatisfactory to work with significant gaps in knowledge.

If a second examination is required, the readers shall communicate the major deficiencies to the candidate and make a collective decision as to the format and scope of the second examination. All faculty readers who read the first exam will evaluate the second exam unless a change in readers has been approved by the department head/chair or designee. Once again, a satisfactory or excellent rating must be awarded by all readers for the candidate to pass the second examination, and should one or more readers judge the performance unsatisfactory, the readers shall meet to review the candidate's performance. If extenuating circumstances exist that warrant a third attempt, the adviser may request approval from the department head/chair or designee. Candidates shall normally be permitted two attempts to pass the Qualifying Examinations.

Promptness of Evaluations. Students shall receive results within 3 weeks from the date of the exam. The department will ensure timeliness of review and communicate results to students and to the adviser.

Report of Examination Results. After all readers for the exams have returned their evaluations, a report is sent to the student from their department. The report indicates readers' decisions. The student and adviser receive copies of reader sheets. The original forms, the exam questions, and answers are placed on file in the department office after the student has met all requirements.

The student's department office will notify the Student Academic Affairs Office of the results. The Student Academic Affairs Office will complete a degree audit and send a letter to the student, adviser, and department regarding the audit. The audit indicates further degree requirements that must be satisfied before the preliminary and final examination may be taken.

### **Graduate Student Grievance Procedures**

If the student and the committee cannot resolve differences satisfactorily, normal grievance procedures, as stated in the Graduate Student Appeals section of this handbook will apply.

### **Cognate Requirement**

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Prior to beginning the cognate requirement, students must complete the *Ed.D. Cognate Requirement Plan* form. The *Ed.D. Cognate Requirement Plan* form must be approved by the student's adviser and then submitted to the Student Academic Affairs Office for approval by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The *Ed.D. Cognate Requirement Plan* requires a listing of the courses a student plans to take to satisfy the cognate requirement and a rationale for how those courses interrelate to create a coherent area of concentration. Once the proposed *Ed.D. Cognate Requirement Plan* has been completed, the adviser must sign the form certifying that the plan has been completed. Once the adviser has certified completion of the plan, the form is submitted to the Student Academic Affairs Office for final approval of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

## **Human Subjects Approval**

For all dissertations involving the use of human subjects, approval must be obtained from the College Human Subjects Review Committee prior to the preliminary (oral) examination with verification sent to the Student Academic Affairs Office. Further information regarding human subjects approval can be found at [www.ed.uiuc.edu/ber/webpages/humansubjects.html](http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/ber/webpages/humansubjects.html).

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### **Time Limits**

The time limit to obtain the doctorate in all programs in the College of Education is seven years. The final authorized term is set to seven years from the time a student starts a doctoral program in Education irrespective of whether a Master's degree was completed at the University of Illinois or elsewhere.

## **CONVOCATION PARTICIPATION**

All students are invited to participate in the College of Education Convocation upon completion of their graduate degrees. The College of Education follows the campus policy on participation.



All graduate students must have deposited their theses or dissertations with the Graduate College prior to the May deadline to be eligible to participate in the May ceremony. Candidates who completed their work for the previous August, October, or December conferral dates are also eligible to participate in the ceremony the following May. Requests for exceptions must be based upon extenuating circumstances, have the adviser's endorsement, approved by department head/chair, and be presented in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Office by May 1 of each year. Approval of exceptions will be rare (Graduate Programs Committee, May, 2001).

## **PETITIONS, APPEALS, AND OTHER ACTIONS**

### **Graduate Student Petitions**

The student has the right to petition any Graduate College requirement or rule. While there may be exceptions, a petition must be recommended and approved first by the student's adviser, then by the department chairperson, then the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and finally by the Graduate College. A petition approved at one level may be denied at another level.

The student should complete the *Graduate Student Petition* in consultation with the adviser to request any exceptions to Graduate College rules, regulations, and requirements. Both sides of the petition form must be completed. This form must be signed by the student's adviser, the department chairperson/head, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. It will then be forwarded to the Graduate College for final action. The *Comments and Recommendations* section of the Graduate Student Petition is not optional. The petition can be found at [www.grad.uiuc.edu/forms/petition.pdf](http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/forms/petition.pdf).

Exceptions to College of Education rules may be petitioned by a letter of request from the student's adviser and department head or designee to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

### **Transferring Credit**

A student petitioning to transfer credit from another institution must have completed 8 hours of graduate level work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign at the time the petition is submitted. The transferred credit must involve graduate level work passed with a B or better. Official transcripts must be attached to the petition if not previously filed in the Graduate College. A faculty member at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the field of the course being transferred, must validate the course by examination, interview, or whatever manner wished. Recommendations of the adviser, department chairperson/head, and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are required.

Master's and Certificate of Advanced Study students may transfer up to 12 hours of credit. Students seeking Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees may petition for transfer of appropriate credit from doctoral degree granting institutions, but such a transfer does not reduce the Graduate College requirement of 64 hours of resident credit for the degrees and, therefore is discouraged and seldom approved. Credit is not transferable for courses taken more than five years prior to the petition. Credit will not be transferred if it has been applied toward another degree.

### **Changing Graduate College Departments**

A graduate student may petition to transfer into a department in the College of Education from another graduate department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, or transfer from

the College of Education to another graduate department. The Graduate Student Petition must be accompanied by departmental recommendations, transcripts, and computed grade-point averages and then sent to the appropriate department. The department will send the petition, a copy of the letter of acceptance and the College Graduate Record form to the Student Academic Affairs Office for action by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Graduate College will make the final decision and notify the student and department.

### **Adding and Dropping Courses**

Students are expected to adhere to the deadline dates given for adding and dropping courses. If there is a justified need for adding or dropping a course after the deadline has passed, the student must complete a Graduate Student Petition with the necessary approval from his or her adviser and the departmental chairperson/head recommending that the course(s) be added or dropped. Approval also must be obtained from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Graduate College.

If a student discovers after a semester has ended that there is an error on his or her transcript, a petition may be submitted to the Graduate College, with the necessary approval from the adviser, the departmental chairperson/head and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. There must have been extenuating circumstances that prevented the student from taking care of the matter during the semester for which the change is being requested.

### **Registering for an Overload**

In petitioning for a course overload, the student must state the unique circumstances justifying such a request. The Graduate College considers a maximum load as an exception to the normal load and is, therefore, reluctant to approve overloads beyond the maximum. Signatures of the student's adviser, the departmental chairperson/head, and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are required on the Graduate Student Petition.

### **Registering in Absentia**

After the student has completed College of Education and Graduate College residency requirements for the degree sought, a petition can be submitted for in absentia registration. Such a petition should state the semester(s) involved, the course(s) and dissertation hours to be earned each term. The in absentia location, its available graduate study facilities, and plans for consulting with the adviser should also be indicated on the petition. A student is eligible to register in absentia if he/she is located at least 50 miles away from campus. A petition for in absentia registration beyond the degree time limit is rarely approved for doctoral students, except during the term that the final examination is scheduled and is less likely to be approved if he/she has not passed the preliminary oral examination.

### **Changing an "F" Grade When "I" Has Been Changed to "F" by Graduate College Rule**

It is possible to have an "F by rule" grade changed through the course instructor. The instructor must complete a *Supplemental Grade Report* form (checking the box for "Grade Correction"), have the departmental chairperson/head sign the report form, and submit to their departmental office. The departmental office should then forward the form to the appropriate office(s) for processing.

### **Changing Time Limits and Progression Beyond Time Limits**

A student who has reached or exceeded the “Time to Degree” limits will be encumbered by the Graduate College and will not be allowed to register. However, a student may submit a petition requesting an extension of the final authorized term. The petition should explain delays; attest to current active degree progress; and, request permission for continued registration to a reasonable but definite graduation date (May, August, October, or December). The petition must be approved by the student’s adviser, the departmental chairperson/head, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and the Graduate College. If approved at all levels, the student will be able to register through the new final authorized term.

### **Dropping Out Until Degree Time**

A doctoral student who has completed credit requirements for the degree need not register until the semester that the final oral examination is scheduled. The degree will be granted if the minimum course requirements have been met, qualifying examinations have been passed, and the preliminary oral examination has been passed. In cases where the time limit has been reached or exceeded before the preliminary oral examination has been passed, but considerable progress has been made toward completing the dissertation, the student, with the adviser’s approval, may wish to complete the preliminary oral examination and then drop out until degree time. The student does not have to be registered in order to take the preliminary oral examination if 96 hours of graduate work, including the master’s degree have been completed.

At that time, in order to complete the final oral examination, the student must register on-campus or petition for in-absentia registration. Once the student is approved for in-absentia registration and he/she does not register until after the tenth day of class, he/she must also complete a *very late registration* form. Departments within the College of Education may have requirements which preclude this practice.

### **Graduate Student Appeals**

#### **Grievance and Policy Procedural Appeals**

The student has the right to appeal any requirement or rule established by the College of Education. Procedures for appealing such policies, as well as graduate student grievances, are generally the same.

#### **Alleged Capricious Grading Procedures**

This appeal process is described in the current edition of the code on *Campus Affairs and Handbook of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students*. This publication is available from the Office of Admissions and Records, 901 W. Illinois.

A written appeal, together with supporting documentation, shall be presented to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Associate Dean may consult with the Graduate Programs Committee to determine if the grievance has merit. If the Associate Dean, or a majority of the committee, determines that the appeal has merit, a hearing body shall be constituted.

The hearing body shall consist of: (a) three members of the graduate faculty; (b) appointed by the Associate Dean; and, (c) who, if the aggrieved student desires, shall be joined in all deliberations by a nonvoting graduate student representative. The student representatives shall be selected by the Associate Dean.

The hearing will be treated confidentially by the involved parties. This does not exclude their seeking advice prior to the hearing or seeking advice on a confidential basis after the hearing has begun. Counsel for parties can be present at the hearing.

The hearing body will review all appropriate evidence, develop a record of relevant exhibits and notes taken on oral testimony and write a recommendation based on the evidence presented. This record and recommendation will accompany future appeals.

The finding(s) and recommendation(s) of the hearing body will be reported to the Associate Dean. The Associate Dean has the discretion to use the recommendation(s) as he/she sees fit in the capacity of the office.

If the student is dissatisfied with the disposition of the matter made by the Associate Dean, an appeal may be made to the Graduate College. The Student Academic Affairs Office shall acquaint the student with details as to the most expeditious manner of making an appeal when it informs the student in writing of the decision reached (Graduate Faculty Action, October 11, 1977).

## **Graduate Student Grievance Procedures at the College of Education**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

All members of the University community are expected to observe high standards of professional conduct and ethical behavior in graduate education and in the supervision of graduate research and teaching (*Guiding Standards for Faculty Supervision of Graduate Students*, March 31, 1997). In a large and heterogeneous scholarly community however, problems arise. Thus the University articulates its policies and provides effective informal and formal procedures for resolving these problems involving graduate students. (The policies and procedures described in this document do not override or supersede any other policies as established in the University statutes and campus policies. For more information, see the College of Education *Graduate Programs Handbook* and the Graduate College *Handbook for Students and Advisers*.)

The purpose of this policy is to protect the interests of graduate students in the College of Education by providing informal and formal means of seeking resolution in case of an inappropriate action of a member of the faculty or administrative staff or an inappropriate application of a department or college policy. Any graduate student in the College of Education may informally pursue or formally file a grievance when he/she believes that a decision or behavior adversely affects his/her status as a graduate student.

This Policy and Procedures on Grievances by Graduate Students in the College of Education specifies the policy and describes the procedures to be employed to resolve grievances by graduate students in this College. It was approved by the Graduate College on May 19, 2000. This policy does not apply in cases of academic misconduct. Breaches of academic integrity in research and publication are handled under the campus's *Policy and Procedures on Academic Integrity in Research and Publication*. Similarly, this policy does not apply to cases that arise under the *Code of Policies and Regulations Applying to All Students* ("CODE"), such as capricious grading in a course (Section 26) or academic integrity (Section 33).

## **II. SCOPE AND COVERAGE**

### **A. Definition of a Grievance**

A grievance may arise when a graduate student believes that his/her status as a graduate student, or university appointment based on student status, has been adversely affected by an incorrect or inappropriate decision or behavior. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Inappropriate application of a department, College, or University policy;
2. Being unfairly assessed on a preliminary committee;
3. Being required to engage in excessive effort on assistantships;
4. Being improperly terminated from student-based University appointment (teaching or research assistantships, etc.);
5. Being improperly terminated from a program;
6. Being required to perform personal services unrelated to academic or assistantship duties;
7. Being required to meet unreasonable requirements for a graduate degree that extend the normal requirements established by the campus or by the department/College and are inconsistent with the scholarly standards in the discipline;
8. Being the subject of retaliation for exercising his/her rights under this policy; or
9. Being the subject of professional misconduct by a student's graduate supervisor or other faculty or staff member.

Practices or actions by a student's supervisor, other faculty member, or other member of the University community that seriously deviate from ethical or responsible professional standards in the supervision of graduate student work may constitute professional misconduct in violation of University policy.

## **III. INFORMAL PROCEDURES**

University policy strongly encourages all students who believe they have a grievance to use all appropriate avenues for informal resolution before initiating a formal grievance. Students in Education are encouraged to discuss the issue with the faculty or staff member with whom the problem has arisen. If a satisfactory solution is not forthcoming, the student should discuss the issue with his or her adviser, the departmental director of graduate studies, the head/chair of the department and/or the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who shall attempt to find a resolution acceptable to both parties. Students are strongly encouraged to pursue informal procedures that have been established at the departmental levels to resolve any conflicts before pursuing formal procedures at the college level. The student may also consult with the Graduate College, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Ombuds Office, the Office of International Student Affairs, or other sources.

## **IV. FORMAL PROCEDURES**

### **A. Identification of the Grievance Committee**

The faculty shall elect annually three members of the College of Education faculty, and graduate students shall annually elect two graduate students to serve on a College Grievance Committee. The faculty member and graduate student receiving the next highest number of votes shall be designated as alternates to serve in case an elected member cannot serve or is determined to have a conflict of interest. In the event of further vacancies, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall appoint appropriate replacements. Any other conflicts shall be referred to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The committee shall elect a chair from among its members. The chair is responsible for assuring that a record of the committee's investigations, deliberations, and recommendations is forwarded to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

## **B. Procedures**

1. A student in the College of Education may file a formal grievance with either the College of Education Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or directly with the Graduate College. A formal grievance should be filed promptly and must be filed in writing within 180 days of the decision or behavior resulting in the grievance, regardless of whether the college procedure or Graduate College procedure is used. The written grievance should indicate: the parties involved; the action or decision being contested; any applicable university, campus or unit policy; an explanation of why the action or decision is inappropriate; and, the remedy sought.
2. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall define the subject matter and scope of the issues related to the grievance in a written charge to the grievance committee. The primary involved parties shall receive a copy of the charge.
3. Any participant to the grievance may challenge any member of the grievance committee if there is a perceived conflict of interest. The challenge should be made in writing to the College of Education Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If the objection is prompt and reasonable, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall replace the person with one who meets the stated criteria. The decision of the Associate Dean as to whether the challenge is prompt and reasonable, and to the acceptability of the replacement selected, may be a basis for appeal of the grievance committee's recommendation.
4. The grievance committee's investigation shall include a review of written materials presented. In addition, the committee will seek information from the primary involved parties in writing or in person. During a hearing, each of the primary involved parties may make a brief opening statement, and then respond to questions from the committee. The primary involved parties may not question each other directly, but may pose questions through the committee chair. At the end of the hearing, each primary involved party may make a closing statement.
5. Within 30 calendar days of the filing of the grievance, the chair of the grievance committee shall report its recommendations in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may grant an extension of the time limit for good cause. The grievance committee's report shall contain:
  - a. A summary of the grievant's contentions and relief sought;
  - b. The response of the individual or college/department against whom/which the grievance was filed;
  - c. A general description of the investigative process;
  - d. A citation of relevant policies;
  - e. An explicit finding of fact based on the preponderance of the evidence with respect to each grievance included in the grievance committee's charge;
  - f. A listing of the evidence relevant to each finding;
  - g. An indication of whether there was a reasonable basis in fact and honest belief for the allegations in the investigated grievance;

- h. A recommendation of appropriate redress for the grievant(s); and,
  - i. Any recommended changes in policies and procedures to minimize the probability of recurrence.
6. Within 7 calendar days of receipt of the committee's report, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall determine the disposition of the case and communicate the decision to the primary involved individuals.

If the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs determines that the grievance has not been proved or has no merit, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify all involved parties and all persons who have been interviewed or otherwise informed that grievance has been dismissed.

If the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs concurs with the committee's conclusion that the grievance has been sustained and has merit, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will proceed in accordance with the university statutes and relevant university rules and regulations. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may, after consultation with appropriate campus officers, prescribe redress for the grievant. In addition, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may initiate modifications of department or college policies or procedures. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall notify the relevant primary involved individuals (grievant, respondent, grievance committee members) of actions taken.

7. Within 10 calendar days of receipt of written notification of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs' determination, appeals may be made to the Graduate College as specified in the Graduate College grievance policy. This appeal can be based only upon demonstrated specific deficiencies in the application of this college's grievance procedure to the student's grievance.
8. After completion of a grievance review and all ensuing related actions, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall return all original documents and materials to the persons who furnished them. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall destroy the grievance file on a date 5 years beyond the grievant's time limit for completion of the degree. A report of the nature of the grievance and the primary involved parties shall be forwarded to the Graduate College.

## **V. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. Coverage**

This policy and these procedures apply to all graduate students and members of the academic and administrative staffs in the College of Education. This policy also applies to former graduate students, provided they meet the timeliness requirements specified in the procedures above.

### **B. Oversight Authority and Responsibility**

1. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has responsibility, under the policies and procedures of the Graduate College, for the management of College of Education graduate programs and related policies and procedures.

2. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall have the primary responsibility for administering the campus procedures detailed herein. All information and items furnished will be made available to the grievance committee. During the course of an investigation, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will provide information about the status of proceedings to the primary involved individuals. Subsequent to the grievance committee's reporting, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will maintain a file of all documents and evidence, and is responsible for the confidentiality and the security of the file. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall make the complete file available to the Dean of the Graduate College and on the appeal of a grievance outcome to the Graduate College.

### **C. Confidentiality**

All persons involved in administering these procedures will make diligent efforts to protect the reputations, privacy, and positions of all involved persons. These persons include those who file grievances, persons who are alleged in a grievance to have taken inappropriate actions or activities, and college/department administrators. All of the procedures and the identity of those involved should be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. However, confidentiality regarding information other than the identity of the grievant need not be maintained if the grievance is found to be false and in particular if dissemination is necessary to protect the reputation of individuals or units falsely accused. Making public the fact that a grievance has been deemed false or unproved is not considered retaliation against the grievant. Protection of confidentiality does not preclude disclosures necessary to redress actions leading to a grievance.

### **D. Standards of Evidence**

The grievance committee's decision shall be made on the "preponderance of evidence" standard. Any finding against an individual or department on the subject of the grievance must be supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

### **E. Academic Freedoms and Rights of the Parties**

1. It shall be a prime concern of all persons who implement this policy and these procedures to protect the academic freedoms fundamental to the academic enterprise. Among other things, this includes the professional judgments of student performance that are an essential part of the graduate education process. Academic freedom, however, affords no license for the mistreatment of graduate students.
2. The rights of the primary involved individuals shall be specified in the form of a written notice or letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The primary involved individuals have the following rights:
  - a. To receive notice of the identity of the members of the grievance committee;
  - b. To receive a written statement of the charge including the subject matter being considered by the grievance committee. If additional information emerges during the committee's evaluation that substantially changes the subject matter, the parties shall be informed promptly in writing;
  - c. To submit statements in writing and to meet with the committee to present information;



- d. To consult private legal counsel, or another person who may provide advice at the meeting with the committee. Prior notice of the absence of an adviser must be given and any other primary involved party may request a delay of up to 5 calendar days to arrange for the presence of an adviser; and,
  - e. To review and respond to the grievance committee's final report.
3. Any of the parties responsible for the implementation of this policy may consult University Legal Counsel at any time during the informal processing of a grievance.

#### **F. Conflict of Interest**

A conflict of interest is a significant professional or personal involvement with the facts or the parties to a dispute. Any participant, who has a conflict of interest in a dispute under this procedure, or a concern about a conflict on the part of another, shall report it to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs who shall take appropriate action. If the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has such a conflict, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will inform the Dean of the Graduate College who will, in consultation with the Dean of the College of Education, decide how to address the situation.

#### **G. Timeliness and Procedural Changes**

All procedures prescribed in this document should be conducted expeditiously. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs with good cause may extend any of the time periods and may make other reasonable alterations of these procedures, provided that the alteration does not impair the ability of a grievant to pursue a grievance or the respondent(s) named in the grievance to defend him/herself. Any alterations of these procedures must be communicated to all pertinent parties.

#### **H. Withdrawal of a Grievance**

The grievant may submit a written request to withdraw the grievance at any time. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall decide whether to approve the request. A request to withdraw shall be approved only if both parties to the action agree to terminate the proceedings. If the withdrawal request is approved, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall notify the primary involved parties and the files shall be destroyed. If the withdrawal request is denied, the grievance shall continue to be processed to a conclusion according to the above procedures.

#### **I. Termination of University Employment**

After the initiation of grievance procedures under this policy, the grievance proceedings will not automatically terminate due to the termination of university employment, by resignation or otherwise, of any of the primary involved individuals in the grievance.

#### **J. Malicious Charges**

Bringing unfounded charges in bad faith is a violation of this and the Graduate College grievance policy. If the grievance committee determines that the allegation(s) in the grievance or the testimony of any person was unfounded and motivated by bad faith, that finding shall be communicated by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to the Dean of the Graduate College and the Dean of the academic college. After consultation with the Provost, the deans may inform the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of such a finding. Such a finding may be the

basis for disciplinary action or other personnel decisions in accordance with University rules and regulations.

## **Other Actions**

### **Changing Enrollment Pattern**

A student whose type of admission has changed (e.g., “Summer Session Only” to “Continuous Registration”), should initiate and complete a *Change of Enrollment* form with the student’s department. The department will then notify the Student Academic Affairs Office, which in turn will notify the admissions processing office.

### **Changing From Nondegree to Degree Status**

A nondegree student wishing to change status to a degree candidate is required to apply for readmission as a degree candidate, and to compete with others applying for degree status that term. If accepted into a degree program, the student may petition for a maximum of 12 hours earned as a non-degree student to be included in the degree program. The effective beginning date of the degree program is the date of the first course included.

### **Changing from Limited Status to Full Standing**

When conditions originally limiting a student’s status are satisfied, the student’s department should notify the Student Academic Affairs Office. The Student Academic Affairs Office will in turn notify the Admissions Processing Office to change the student’s status to full standing.

### **Changing Advisers within a Department**

A change of advisers is handled within the student’s department. However, the Student Academic Affairs Office should be notified of the change of adviser by the department.

### **Continuation from Master’s Degree to Certificate of Advanced Study or Doctorate**

If a student wishes to continue immediately from a master’s degree to a Certificate of Advanced Study or a doctoral degree, the usual admission procedures for advanced degrees must be followed; however, no application for readmission is required. If a student is currently registered, or was registered during the previous semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, readmission to the Graduate College is not required. The student entering the Certificate of Advanced Study program must have at least two years of acceptable professional work experience. The department should notify the Student Academic Affairs Office of the continuation. The Student Academic Affairs Office will send notification to the Admissions Processing Office.

### **Applying Certificate of Advanced Study Credits in Doctoral Programs**

A student who has completed course work taken as a part of the requirements for the Certificate of Advanced Study in Education at the University of Illinois may petition for not more than 24 hours of such work and dissertation hours combined toward the program leading to the Doctor of Education, provided that the course work was taken within five years of the date of the petition. Credit earned in the Certificate of Advanced Study degree may not be applied toward a Ph.D. degree. If an individual is pursuing a Certificate of Advanced Study and decides to seek a Ph.D. instead, the usual admission procedures should be followed and a change of degree program status should be completed without receiving the Certificate of Advanced Study degree. In this procedure for change of degree program, no application for readmission is required. If this

change is effected and the Certificate of Advanced Study degree is not awarded, previous course work intended to apply to the Certificate of Advanced Study can be counted toward the Ph.D. degree, subject to other policies governing the Ph.D. program.

When considering an Certificate of Advanced Study program or a change of status from Certificate of Advanced Study to a doctoral degree program one issue to consider is that doctoral degree time limit begins with the first course used to meet doctoral requirements, even if this course was originally taken as part of an Certificate of Advanced Study program.

### **Two-Year Rule**

Under the conditions of this rule, which assumes full-time enrollment, a student is evaluated no later than the second year after entry into the department. The intent of this rule is to better inform the doctoral student of degree progress prior to the preliminary oral examination. The result of this evaluation is to be reported to the student, the adviser, and the Student Academic Affairs Office. This “two-year rule” does not apply to master’s degree students. In addition, the Student Academic Affairs Office will routinely monitor student records to identify students who are failing to meet important milestones (qualifying exams, preliminary exams, etc.) in a timely fashion. Students and advisers will be notified and asked to respond to the perceived lack of progress.

### **Certification and Licensure**

Some Ed.M. programs require teacher certification for admission and/or graduation. Information concerning these certification requirements may be obtained through the student’s department, the Council on Teacher Education certification officer at 505 E. Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, or the Council on Teacher Education website, [www.ed.uiuc.edu/cte](http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/cte).

Teacher, administrative, and other certifications for public schools are awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education. In most cases, certification may be awarded after completing an approved program at a university. The College of Education has approved programs for most certifications, including various teaching fields, Library Media Specialist, Learning Behavior Specialist, School Service (School Social Worker, Speech/Language Pathologist), and Administrative (General Administrative and Superintendent). Most of the approved administrative programs require completion of a graduate degree at the University of Illinois. Since requirements change, it is important that anyone desiring to obtain certification discuss the matter with his or her adviser and the Council of Teacher Education certification officer, 505 E. Green Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, at the start of the program.

All persons seeking admission to a certification program in educational administration must respond to a separate application procedure. For details, contact the Department of Educational Organization and Leadership, 333 Education Building.

The Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology offered by the Department of Educational Psychology is designed to meet American Psychological Association (APA) requirements for eligibility for licensure.

### **Satisfying Required Courses by using a Course Waiver Application or Graduate Student Petition**

Required foundation courses for Master's and Certificate of Advanced Study degrees may be satisfied by completing the *Course Waiver Application* form administered by the Department of Educational Psychology and completing a *Graduate Student Petition* administered by the Department of Educational Policy Studies. These required courses may also be satisfied by a waiver from the Departments of Educational Psychology and Educational Policy Studies when a similar graduate level course has been completed elsewhere. Copies of official transcripts from the institution where the graduate credit was earned must be submitted with one of the above forms.

In each of the above instances, the Student Academic Affairs Office must receive a copy of the approval from both departments. If course credit to meet requirements is approved by petition and there is a request for transfer of credit, the course waiver application form is not necessary.

### **Auditing Courses**

A student wanting to audit a course must first complete a Visitor's Permit. These forms are available in department offices or in the Office of Admissions and Records, 901 W. Illinois. The student should take the form to the first class meeting and ask the instructor to sign it, indicating approval. The visitor's permit must also be approved by the dean of the college offering the course. The form must be submitted to the Records Service Center, Admissions and Records Building, 901 W. Illinois, by the student, and a \$15 fee must be paid. Auditors are not permitted in studio, laboratory, or activity courses. A course, once audited, may not be repeated for graduate credit.

### **Temporary Discontinuation of Degree Progress**

Temporary discontinuation of degree progress is appropriate only if time limits permit. Under justifiable conditions, a leave of absence may also be appropriate. (See Leave of Absence section in *A Handbook for Graduate Students and Advisers*).

### **Graduate Student Leave of Absence**

There are no formal leaves of absence for graduate students. A student who must interrupt his or her graduate program for an acceptable reason may do so and re-enter any time within two years of last registration provided the time limit for the degree has not been exceeded. However, students are warned that any lapse of registration may result in the loss of the full tuition-waiver privileges that previously accompanied their assistantships.

Graduate students who must interrupt their graduate program for more than two years must petition for re-entry to the Graduate College and are advised to consult the unit or department in which they plan to re-enroll.

Whether leaving for one or more terms, a student holding educational loans should consult the lender before terminating his or her student status. International students leaving campus are required to secure clearance from the Office of International Student Affairs.

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