

General Regulations and Requirements for Professional Doctorate Degree Programs

Admissions Requirements

All students admitted to a professional doctorate degree program must satisfy the general requirements for admission as a graduate student and the requirements for the specific professional doctorate degree program. To be eligible for admission, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Provisional or Special Students

Some applicants may be accepted as provisional or special students; however, international students cannot be accepted as provisional or special students. Provisional students must obtain a 3.000 grade point average in the courses specified by the program, not to exceed more than the first 12 semester or quarter hours to continue in the graduate program; they then become eligible to apply for admission as degree-seeking students.

Course Requirements

A candidate for the professional doctorate degree must satisfactorily complete an approved program conforming to the requirements of the graduate school and department or program in which the candidate is registered.

The requirements for the professional doctorate degree shall be determined by the program.

Undergraduate level coursework will not be accepted to meet the requirements for the professional doctorate degree.

Comprehensive Examination

The committee in charge of the degree program may require a final written or oral comprehensive examination(s) for partial fulfillment of degree requirements.

Thesis

If a thesis is required in partial fulfillment of degree requirements, it must show independent work based, in part, on original material and must meet the approval of the student's thesis committee. The committee in charge of the degree program is responsible for providing instructions concerning preparation of the thesis.

The student must submit the thesis to ProQuest (or a University-sanctioned successor system) for archiving in sufficient time to allow for acceptance before the degree clearance deadline. Information on archiving a thesis is available in the Graduate Office.