

# Completing Degree Requirements

## Graduate and Doctoral Degree Programs

To earn a graduate or doctoral degree, students must complete all courses as prescribed in the curriculum; the required number of credits as per the curriculum; applicable thesis or dissertation; the residency requirement; and maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.000 or as outlined by the specific program.

## Graduate Certificate Programs

To earn a graduate certificate, students must complete all courses as prescribed in the curriculum; the required number of credits as per the curriculum; the residency requirement; and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.000 or as outlined by the specific program.

## Time Limit on Courses

Graduate course credits earned in the academic program or accepted by transfer are valid for a maximum of seven years.

## Time Limit on Program Completion

- Graduate certificate students have up to three full years from the time of the first term of enrollment to complete the program.
- Master's degree students have up to seven full years from the time of the first term of enrollment to complete the program.
- Doctoral degree students, with the exception of the Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy, have up to seven full years from the time of the first term of enrollment to complete the program.
- Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy students have up to four full years from the time of the first term of enrollment to complete the program.

*Note:* The College of Professional Studies makes adjustments to its academic program offerings and curricula to stay current and to be able to offer students the most relevant courses and knowledge in the field. Examples of such changes include adding new programs, adding/adjusting course requirements, adding/adjusting courses, and adding/adjusting curriculum requirements.

When there is a change to a curriculum or program requirement, students already matriculated and actively enrolled in the program may continue to follow the program requirements at the time of matriculation or to follow the new curriculum/program requirements, unless it is otherwise specified by the academic program at the time of the announcement of said changes.