

3.6.4 The institution defines and publishes requirements for its graduate and post-baccalaureate professional programs. These requirements conform to commonly accepted standards and practices for degree programs (**Post-baccalaureate program requirements**).

Judgment of Compliance

Compliance

Narrative

The institution defines and publishes information regarding requirements for its graduate and post-baccalaureate professional programs. This information is found in the current ASU Graduate School Catalog 2006-2009 and on departmental check sheets that each student receives and reviews with his or her advisor [1]. This information is available to the students, faculty and public in general. The catalog provides a comprehensive overview of the Academic Calendar, institution-wide academic policies other than those of the colleges, general policies, and financial information. Information pertaining to each degree is provided by each of the colleges granting graduate degrees. Each college articulates information such as admission requirements, curriculum, and graduation requirements through the ASU catalog, website, and departmental brochures. The catalog concludes with personnel information regarding the ASU faculty and the Board of Regents. A summary of the graduate academic program requirements is contained in the table below.

Published Graduate Degree Requirements

Degree Program	Program Requirements	Total Hours Required (Minimum)
All Programs [2a]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall grade point average required for graduation is 3.0 Minimum length of a Master's degree program is 36 semester credit hours Maximum time to completion of the degree is six years A comprehensive examination is required; a thesis may also be required 	36 Master's 27 Ed. Specialist
Master of Business Administration [2b]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 credit hours of prerequisite undergraduate general business courses to ensure appropriate foundation knowledge in the field 21 semester hours of MBA Core curriculum including 9 hours of management and 3 hours each of accounting, economics, finance, and marketing Overall grade point average of 3.0 is required, any grade of "D" requires repeat of the course, any grade of "F" results in termination from the program Students must pass a comprehensive final exam to graduate from the program 	36
Master of Science in Criminal Justice [2c]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 semester hours of criminal justice core curriculum 9 semester hours of specialty area courses in corrections, forensic science, law enforcement, or public administration 3 credit hours of criminal justice electives All students must successfully complete a comprehensive exam on core, statistics/methodology, 	36/39 hours dependent upon thesis option

	<p>and a chosen specialty area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 credit hours of thesis courses or 9 credit hours of additional course work in the major 	
Master of Public Administration [2d]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 semester hours of undergraduate prerequisite courses to include statistical or research methods, American government, and basic computer literacy 21 semester hours of public administration core curriculum courses A 6 hour research component including a three semester hour service internship/project and a three hour capstone research class 9 semester hours of specialty area core courses in general administration, human resource management, public policy, health administration and policy, community and economic development administration, or water resources management and policy Each graduate student is expected to develop and maintain a professional portfolio to document professional skills, abilities, and accomplishments in the discipline 	36
Master of Science in Nursing [2e]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 semester hours of common nursing courses are required for all MSN tracks Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination following completion of the four courses listed above with a grade point average of 3.0 Students with a specialty of Community Health and Parent-Child Health, Nurse Administrator, and Nurse Educator complete an additional 24 hours of courses within the specialty All graduate level nurses must complete a thesis prior to graduation 	36
Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner [2f]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 semester hours of common nursing courses are required for all MSN tracks Students must successfully complete a comprehensive examination following completion of the four courses listed above with a grade point average of 3.0 Students with a specialty of Family Nurse Practitioner complete an additional 32 hours of courses within the specialty All graduate level nurses must complete a thesis prior to graduation 	44
Master of Education [2g]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each master of education student must complete the following regardless of major: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of the Learner (3-6 hours) Program and Problems of the School (3-6 hours) Core courses of the major (15-24 hours) Research in Education (3-6 hours) Electives (3-6 hours) Students are required to take a comprehensive examination and are eligible to take the exam after passing the second part of the Georgia Teacher Certification Exam and completing all core courses for the major with a minimum grade of B while maintaining 	36

	an overall grade point average of 3.0	
Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership [2h]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each education specialist student must complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nature of the Learner (3 hours) ○ Programs and Problems of the School (3 hours) ○ Major area including required applied research field experience (15 hours) ○ Advanced Research (3 hours) ○ Elective (3 hours) • Education specialist students are required to maintain a program check sheet and participate in face-to-face academic advising 	27

The requirements documented above conform to commonly accepted standards and practices for degree programs. Conformation to commonly accepted standards and practices of graduate programs is documented through specialized accreditation in Education (NCATE), Nursing (NLNAC), Public Administration (NASPAA), and Business (ACBSP).

Supporting Documentation

- [1] [Sample Departmental Check Sheet, Education Specialist Check Sheet](#)
- [2a] [All Master's Programs, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, page 19](#)
- [2b] [Master of Business Administration, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 31-32](#)
- [2c] [Master of Science in Criminal Justice, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 38-40](#)
- [2d] [Master of Public Administration, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 45-48](#)
- [2e] [Master of Science in Nursing, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 54-58](#)
- [2f] [Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, page 55](#)
- [2g] [Master of Education, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 63-65](#)
- [2h] [Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership, ASU Graduate Catalog 2006-2009, pages 75-76](#)