

II. General Academic Policies

A. Graduation Requirements

4. Transitional Professional Doctoral Degree

The following are minimum requirements for the Transitional professional Doctoral Degree:

- Apply for Graduation by the semester deadline indicated in the University calendar.
- Students must register for a minimum of one (1) credit hour during the semester in which they apply for graduation.
- Complete all program requirements as determined by the appropriate college. Consult with program coordinators or chairs for specific details regarding graduation requirements.

B. General Degree Requirements

4. Transitional Professional Doctoral Degree

The following minimum degree requirements must be met for successful completion of a doctoral degree in an approved program of study. Individual colleges, departments, and programs may have their own requirements that exceed the minimum requirements presented here. Students should therefore refer to the information provided for individual graduate programs for specific information regarding required coursework, examinations, and dissertations.

- a. Additional Admission Requirements
 - An active professional license issued in good standing (U.S. license required) with minimum experience as determined by the program.
- b. Enrollment and Course Requirements
 - The minimum credit hours for the degree are determined by the program.
 - Students may transfer minimum credit hours as determined by the program. Transfer courses must be applicable toward the graduate degree being sought at FGCU, be approved by the college dean (or designee), and meet any other requirements as specified by the graduate program in question.
 - Minimum of 50% of the credit hours toward the degree must be earned through FGCU.

¹ GGAP Link: http://www.fgcu.edu/Graduate/files/General_Graduate_Academic_Policy_FinalDraft_5-2-12.pdf

- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate work attempted after initial admission into the graduate program major.
- The doctoral degree is earned on the basis of satisfactory completion of course requirements and the dissertation, scholarly project, or equivalent as determined by the graduate program.

c. Graduate Student Status

- To maintain active status as degree-seeking, a student must be enrolled during at least one (1) semester each calendar year unless granted a leave of absence by the program. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the student being dropped from the program and his or her status being changed to that of non-degree seeking. Any student dropped from a graduate program for this reason must complete a new graduate application for admission. Any subsequent placement in a graduate program will be determined by the program.
- To maintain access to student services, such as library privileges and health benefits, a student must be enrolled during the fall and spring for a minimum of one (1) credit hour each semester.

d. Degree Time Limits/Extension of Time Limit for Degree Program

- All requirements for the doctoral degree (excluding transfer credits) must be completed within 8 calendar years from the date of admission to the doctoral program.