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**Admission to Graduate Study**

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**Examinations Required for Admission**

An applicant should ... administration of the tests.

**Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**

In order to be considered for admission to the [Graduate School](#), all applicants, other than those applying to programs listed below, must provide official scores on all sections of the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) to the Graduate School.

Applicants to the following programs are exempt from the GRE:

Master of Business Administration (see Graduate Management Admission Test below);

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transitional-Doctoral of Physical Therapy (exempt);

**Master of Public Health (exempt).**

Master of Science in Nursing (exempt);

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Ph.D in Health Science (applicants who have earned a graduate degree with a 3.50 or higher GPA from an accredited institution are exempt)

**Requirements for Graduate Degrees**

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**Requirements for the Degrees**

**Doctor of Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The research ... independent research.

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degrees ... the corresponding departments.

**Admission**

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**Credit Requirements for the Doctor of Education**

~~Graduate students working for a doctor of education degree must complete at least 90 semester hours of graduate work beyond the baccalaureate degree. Departments may waive 30 semester hours for students holding a master's or similar degree in the same field or a related one, allowing the doctoral degree to be completed with 60 semester hours. The hour requirement for a doctoral degree includes formal course work, independent study, research, and the dissertation. Some doctoral programs require more than 90 semester hours.~~

~~The minimum GPA requirement of 3.00 applies to all graduate courses taken at NIU and applicable to the degree. Some programs require a higher GPA. Consult the departmental sections of this catalog for other requirements.~~

**Credit Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Education**

~~Graduate students working for a doctor of philosophy or a doctor of education doctoral degree must complete at least 72 semester hours of graduate work beyond the baccalaureate degree, including a minimum of 12 semester hours of dissertation credit. Departments may waive 30 semester hours for students holding a master's or educational specialist degree in the same field or a related one, allowing the doctoral degree to be completed with 42 semester hours. The hour requirement for a doctoral student with a master's degree includes a minimum of 12 semester hours of dissertation credit. Some doctoral programs require more than 72 semester hours. A description of program-level requirements for satisfying credit requirements can be found in the relevant departmental section of this catalog or in the graduate student handbook for each program.~~

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