TYPE OF POLICY: Academic

TITLE: Doctoral Advanced Standing

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RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY OFFICER: Dean of Graduate Studies

POLICY OWNER: School of Graduate Studies

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REASON FOR POLICY:

Apply coursework from previous graduate degree programs to the applied doctoral degree.

POLICY:

Students admitted to a doctoral program with completed graduate courses from a regionally accredited institution may request advanced standing following admission to the graduate program. With advanced standing, doctoral programs may apply a maximum of 27 prior graduate credits to a student's doctoral program. At least 45 credits of a student's doctoral program must be completed at St. Cloud State University. Up to twelve of the St. Cloud State University credits may be credits associated with the dissertation. Individual doctoral programs may have different credit limits as the graduate school sets a baseline of credit limits.

Courses accepted as advanced standing do not affect the St. Cloud State University graduate grade point average. Please consult the appropriate departmental web pages to determine the doctoral program's additional policies concerning advanced standing.

PROCEDURE:

Following admission to a doctoral program, program faculty will review applicants for advanced standing.

The advanced standing form must be completed in the first term of enrollment and submitted to the School of Graduate Studies for review and approval.

Programs must clearly state the number of credits from another institution(s) allowed toward advanced standing – maximum credited with advanced standing is 27 graduate credits. Individual doctoral programs may have different credit limits.

- GPA of credits accepted toward advanced standing, 3.00 or better
- Credits over 10 years old at the start of the graduate program may only be used for advanced standing with evidence of currency in the subject matter. (See individual program criteria).