

## Proposed Changes to C.9. Policy on Degree Programs

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Standard II:

Educational Program Objectives, Curricula, and Materials • Degree Programs – Professional Doctoral Degrees:

Paragraph One: The Professional Doctor Degree is a practice-oriented degree that signifies completion of advanced academic requirements in a given field comparable to those required at other appropriately accredited institutions offering similar degrees. Typically, there shall be demonstrated learning outcomes comparable to those achieved during a minimum of 60 **doctoral-level graduate-level** semester hours or their equivalent beyond the Master's degree, of which a maximum of 15 credit hours may be earned for the dissertation or final project.

Paragraph Two: If an institution's entrance requirement is a first professional degree in the same discipline, the number of **doctoral-level graduate-level** semester credit hours may be reduced to conform to standard practice in the discipline, but may not be less than 90 total graduate semester hours after the baccalaureate degree.