EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE

Graduate Studies

A student progresses toward the Ed.S. degree by completing the sequence of Ed.S. Milestones ([http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/degrees/specialist/](http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/degrees/specialist/)) before their posted deadlines and while following these policies:

The **Supervisory Committee** is established prior to completion of 42 credit hours of the Ed.S. program's required coursework. A Supervisory Committee consisting of three graduate faculty is appointed with approval by the department’s Graduate Committee Chair.

The **Program of Studies** is filed prior to completion of 42 credit hours of the Ed.S. program's required coursework.

- A minimum of 66 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree is required for the Ed.S. The student must complete at least 24 credit hours after approval of the Program.
- While specific requirements are determined by departments, in general 40 to 50 hours will be in core courses within the unit or closely related units, 3 hours or more will be research, 6 hours or more will be practicum, and 6 or more hours will be electives.
- The time limit on granting the Ed.S. degree is six years from the time of filing the Program in Graduate Studies.

A written **Comprehensive Examination**, developed by the Supervisory Committee, is administered when the program is substantially complete. The committee determines the nature and duration of the examinations.

Once the student has met all requirements for the Ed.S. degree, a **Final Report Form** is signed by all Supervisory Committee members and submitted to Graduate Studies.