

Master's to Doctoral Degree

7.5. Master's to Doctoral Degree Requirements

Minimum of 90 graduate credits total; minimum of 86 graduate credits for the DNP

- Thirty credits from a previously earned master's degree may be approved to fulfill 30 of the 90 doctoral program credits required. The previous master's degree must be meaningfully related to the discipline in which a doctoral degree is pursued.
 - These thirty credits are transferred to your NDSU record (transcript) at the time a Doctoral Plan of Study is submitted.
- 15 credits must be 700-800 level didactic courses
- Up to 15 transfer credits from another doctoral program in the same or a meaningfully related discipline from an accredited doctoral institution may be allowed in individual cases.

Didactic credits requirements do not apply to outcomes-based programs.