The mission of the graduate program in the IME Department at NDSU is to advance knowledge and research of industrial and manufacturing engineering, strengthen and support industry, and enhance teaching. We currently offer three graduate degrees in Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering:

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2) Master of Engineering (M.E.): Designed to provide a graduate education option for professionals who do not have the time resources for a full-fledged master's research option and developing a thesis. Various areas of emphasis are available for students pursuing this option.

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