

**Time Limit for Graduate Credentials**

Policy Number

5520

Executive Responsibility

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**5520.1 General Policy**

Students must complete all requirements for,

- i) a doctoral degree within 10 years, or
- ii) a master's degree within seven years, or
- iii) a graduate certificate within seven years, or
- iv) a graduate microcredential within seven years.

unless the students' specific program has a shorter time limit. The time limit is defined as being from the beginning date of the earliest course taken at Wright State University within the courses applied toward the credential as determined by the program of study. The time limit excludes a leave of absence granted in advance for adequate cause by the academic program and the Dean of the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies.

Graduate students who fail to complete at least one course in one academic year will automatically be retired from the active files of the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies. The term "course" includes formal courses, independent study, thesis research, continuing registration, etc. Reapplication for admission will be required to reactivate the students' records.

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