

National Cheng Kung University Requirements for Exceptional Students to Transfer Directly into Doctoral Programs

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Part 1: This requirements is in accordance with the Ministry of Education [Regulations of Exceptional Students to Transfer Directly into Doctoral Programs].

Part 2: Students who wish to apply for the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program must obtain at least two (2) references of recommendation letter from the Assistant Professor (or above) of their Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program and apply through the desired Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program. Potential candidates will be preliminary examined and authorized by the Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program in the advancement conference. The list of the qualified candidates will be submitted to the Registration Section of Administration Office, and approved by the principal. The qualified students will be permitted to enroll in the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program.

Students who wish to apply for the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program must meet the following qualification:

Subpart 1: Prospective graduating students of Bachelor Degree Program (including the students who have applied for early graduation) must meet one of the following criteria for admission consideration:

- A. Students who wish to continue their graduate degree program must maintain a minimum grade point of eighty (80) or above and posses potential research ability.
- B. Students who wish to continue their graduate degree program must be ranked at the top one-third (1/3) of their class and posses potential research ability.

Subpart 2: Graduate students of Master Degree Program who have successfully completed their first academic year of studies with the earned grade point of their first year of studies meeting one of the following criteria for admission consideration:

- A: Students who wish to continue their graduate degree program must maintain a minimum grade point of eighty (80) or above and posses potential research ability.
- B: Students who wish to continue their graduate degree program must be ranked at the top two-third (2/3) of their class and posses potential research ability.

Part 3: The number of students allowed to enroll in the academic curriculum of the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program of the corresponding Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program for each academic year is limited; the number is established based on the maximum of forty (40) percent of the approved number of

the students allowed to enroll in the Doctoral Degree Program of the Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program per the Ministry of Education. If the number of students allowed to enroll in the Doctoral Degree Program is not more than five (5), the number of students allowed to enroll in the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program would be maximum of two (2). These numbers are included in the total number of students allow to admit to the National Cheng Kung University in each academic year as per the Ministry of Education approved.

- Part 4: Any examination related to the admission to the academic curriculum of the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program of the corresponding Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program shall be given simultaneously as the Doctoral Degree Program Entrance Examination. The process of preliminary examining, academic grade point appraising, and other additional examining must follow the Rules and Regulations of Students admitting in Doctoral Degree Program in National Cheng Kung University.
- Part 5: Each of the corresponding Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program shall submit information related to the list of qualified candidates of the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program and the meeting minute of Preliminary Examination Committee of the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program to the Registration Section of Administration Office before July 31th and January 31th each year for approval.
- Part 6: Prospective graduating students of Baccalaureate Degree Program who admitted to the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program must acquire the Baccalaureate Degree prior to the beginning of the semester of the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program, or otherwise the admission to the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program will be revoked. Prospective students with the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program granted shall not be permitted to apply for the admission reservation.
- Part 7: Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program students who must terminate the studies due to legitimate reason or failed the Preliminary Qualification Examination of Doctoral Degree Candidate, with the review from the corresponding Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program and the approval from the principal, shall return to the formerly- enrolled or related Master Degree Program in the corresponding Major Department Program/ College Department Program/ Academic Division Program. The affected students shall follow the academic requirement for Master Degree Program, submit the thesis paper, and pass the Master Degree Graduation Examination. If the above criteria are achieved, Master Degree will be granted. The time enrolled in the Doctoral Degree Program does not count toward the maximum allowance time enrolled in the Master Degree Program.
- Part 8: Graduate students who completed required courses for the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program and passed the Preliminary Qualification Examination of Doctoral Degree Candidate but did not pass the Doctoral Degree Graduation Examination shall have the doctoral dissertation reviewed by the Doctoral Degree Graduation Examining Committee using the guidelines established for Master Degree Program. If the acceptance criteria are met, Master Degree will be granted.

Part 9: Graduate students of Master Degree Program who granted approval to enroll in the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program shall not withdraw from the program. Graduate students of Master Degree Program who voluntarily withdraw from the Advancement in Doctoral Degree Program will forbid attending Master Degree Graduation Examination.

Part 10: This requirements, with any applicable modification, will be executed once the approval is granted.