

Terminal Degrees

The following list as degrees are acceptable as terminal degrees in specific fields. Any degrees not included in the list would not be accepted as meeting terminal degree requirements- *unless discussed and agreed upon by the three Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs.*

Acceptable as Terminal Degrees

All accredited doctorate degrees, as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and Department of Education (or equivalent)

Master of Athletic Training (M.A.T.) with licensure for hiring in an athletic training program only

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) for hiring in art, design, creative writing, film, and theater only

Master of Registered Dietician Nutrition (M.R.D.N.) for hiring in nutrition and dietetics program only

Not Acceptable as Terminal Degrees

Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.)

Industry Certifications (e.g. CICSO, CFP, CFA, CFE)

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Master of Social Work (MSW) - effective Fall 2025