

**Rationale:** The SOE Bulletin stated that 6 credit hours could be used in two master's degrees, but because the language in the Bulletin is vague, it was unclear if this referred to previously conferred degrees, or to dual degree programs. This language change clarifies that the GSO will allow 6 credit hours from a previously conferred master's degree to be counted towards a current master's program. Sharing credit hours among dual degrees would still be dealt with on an ad hoc bases. The two excerpts below reflect the 2 places in the Bulletin where clarifying language is proposed.

## Masters Policies

### General Requirements for Master's Programs

A master of science in education program requires a minimum of 36 credit hours. Up to 6 credits may be undergraduate course credits at the 300 and 400 level, however courses counted in a bachelor's degree may not be counted in a master's degree. Also up to 6 credits may be applied from a previous master's degree if the coursework is relevant and approved by the advisor. As there is no "general" master's program in education, requirements vary between programs. The minimum number of credit hours in a major area of specialization ranges from 12 to 30. Several programs have additional course requirements in areas such as research and foundations as well.

A minimum of 12 credit hours must be taken outside of the major program area for all master's programs. The exceptions are the master's degree in Adult Education and master's degree in Instructional Systems Technology, for which a minimum of 9 credit hours must be taken outside the major. Master's degree students must complete all program coursework within seven years of matriculating in the program.

### Using Graduate Coursework in Two Programs

Coursework applied toward a master's degree may also be applied to a specialist or doctoral degree (with the exception of the Master's degree required for admission toward the 60 credit hour post-master's Ed.D. program), and coursework applied toward a specialist degree may also be applied to a doctoral degree, providing such coursework is relevant to the requirements of the more advanced degree and that it is less than seven years old or is revalidated. This does not apply when degrees are earned in the opposite direction. If coursework is applied to a completed, more advanced degree, then it may not be counted afterward to a lesser degree. Students seeking to earn a second master's degree may apply 6 credit hours of relevant coursework from the first conferred master's degree ~~program~~ to the second master's degree. The number of credits applied from one degree to another may not exceed the limits of allowable credits transferred into that degree, even if the credits were earned at Indiana University. In all cases, a program advisor and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies must approve the use of such coursework.