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minimum, e.g., credits or courses to be completed, proper time to fulfill the residency requirement and acceptability of part-time employment.

- -(a) Doctoral students in their final semester of study having completed all degree requirements except dissertation;
- -(b) International graduate students participating in curricular practical training (CPT) and/or academic training (AT) opportunities of thirty or more hours per week with approval from the international center; or
- -(c) Doctoral students in accreditation-mandated internships of thirty or more hours per week with approval from the academic program.
- (3) Before a doctoral student begins residency, the student's adviser and the student shall prepare a statement indicating the manner in which the residency requirement will be met. Any special conditions must be detailed and will require the approval of the student's committee, the departmental faculty members approved to direct doctoral dissertations, the collegiate dean and the dean of graduate studies and research.
- (E) Time limit. All doctoral requirements must be completed within ten years of starting coursework at the university of Akron or elsewhere. This refers to graduate work after receipt of a master's degree or the completion of thirty semester credits. Extension of up to one year may be granted in unusual circumstances by the dean of graduate studies and research upon written request by the student and recommendation by the adviser, department head, and college dean.

## (F) Credits.

- (1) A doctorate is conferred in recognition, of high attainment and productive scholarship in some special field of learning as evidenced by the satisfactory completion of prescribed program of study and research; the preparation of a dissertation based on independent research; and the successful passing of examinations covering the special field of study and the general field of which this subject is a part. Consequently, the emphasis is on mastery of the subject rather than a set number of credits. Doctoral programs generally encompass the equivalent of at least three years of full-time study at the graduate level. A minimum of fifty per cent of the total credits above the baccalaureate required in each student's doctoral program must be completed at the university of Akron. A maximum of six workshop credits may be applied to a doctoral degree. Such credits must be relevant to the degree program, recommended by the student's adviser and approved by the dean of graduate studies and research.
- (2) No graduate credit may be received for courses taken by examination or for five-hundred-numbered courses previously taken at the four-hundred number course level as an undergraduate without advance approval from the dean of graduate studies and research.

## (G) Transfer credits.

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(1) Up to fifty per cent of the total graduate credits above the baccalaureate required in a doctoral program may be transferred from an accredited college or university, including the university of Akron. All transfer credit must be at the "A" or "B" level in graduate courses. The courses must be relevant to the student's program as determined by the student's academic department and fall within the ten-year limit if beyond the master's level. A student already admitted to the university of Akron

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knowledge, be presented in a scholarly manner, reveal the candidate's ability to do independent research and indicate experience in research techniques.

(2) A doctoral dissertation committee supervises and approves the dissertation and administers an oral examination upon the dissertation and related areas of study. This examination is open to the graduate faculty. The dissertation and oral examination must be approved by the committee before the dissertation is submitted to the graduate school. A final online submission of the dissertation is due in the graduate school at least three weeks prior to commencement. This copy must be