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# Steps From Admission to Graduation

**Step 1**

The application for admission into Ph.D. program is received by Engineering from the Graduate School.

**Step 2**

Engineering arranges for review of the application by faculty in the relevant units of Chemistry/Engineering (all programs)/Geosciences/Mathematics/Physics.

**Step 3**

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| Application is finally approved/disapproved by the Dean of the College of Science and Engineering and then returned to the Graduate School. |

**Step 4**

The Graduate School writes an acceptance or rejection letter to the applicant.

**Step 5**

The initial Program of Study for the student is approved (See Form **NSE-1: *Ph.D. Program of Study***).

A 3-member Ph.D. Advisory Committee (2 from student’s parent department and 1 from another relevant department) is appointed by the Ph.D. Program Committee (see Form **NSE-2: *Formation of Ph.D. Advisory Committee***).

**Step 6**

An 8-hour Comprehensive-Qualifying Examination is administered by the Ph.D. Advisory Committee at the end of the first year. The student is allowed two attempts to pass the exam.

**Step 7**

Upon satisfactory completion of the Comprehensive-Qualifying Examination, the student is admitted to candidacy (see Form **NSE-3: *Report on Outcome of Comprehensive Examination-Qualifying Examination***).

**Step 8**

A 5-member Ph.D. Dissertation Committee (major professor as chair, 2 from the student’s parent department, 1 from another relevant department, and graduate faculty representative) is formed by the Chair of Ph.D. Program Committee (PPC)/Dean of College of Science and Engineering (See Form **NSE-4: *Formation of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee***).

**Step 9**

The Dissertation Committee monitors the student's progress in research and the student presents and defends the research proposal to this committee (See Form **NSE-5: *Report on Outcome of Ph.D. Research Proposal***).

**Step 10**

The candidate makes a public presentation of the dissertation and satisfactory oral defense to the Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. **The candidate graduates with a Ph.D. in Engineering and Applied Science!**