



**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**  
University Policy

**Administrative Area(s):** Administration, Academic Units, and Administrative Units

Deans, Directors, Department Heads, Faculty, and Administrative Staff

**Scope:** Degree Limits Policy

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To encourage focused academic achievement, promote postgraduate professional success, and allocate university resources efficiently.

NSU has established the following limitations with respect to the number of degrees it will award to a single student:

- A maximum of three degrees at the master's level, regardless of academic program, major or concentration
- A maximum of one education specialist (EdS) degree
- One of each type of all other doctoral or professional degrees (e.g., PhD, MD, JD, DO, etc.) at NSU.

Multiple doctoral degrees of the same type are not permitted, regardless of whether they have different majors/concentrations or are offered through different colleges or academic programs at NSU. By setting these limits, NSU aims to support students in achieving depth and specialization in their chosen fields while balancing academic rigor and maintaining the quality and accessibility of its educational offerings.

Although degrees awarded at other institutions do not count toward this policy, when exercising its academic discretion with respect to admissions decisions, NSU considers the totality of an applicant's academic history, including the nature and number of degrees possessed by the applicant.

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As President and Chief Executive Officer

Date

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As Executive Vice President, Provost and Chief Academic Officer

October 1, 2025

Date