



## **V. Completion of course work**

Note: All candidates need to meet with their advisor prior to taking any course work.

Contact your advisor \_\_\_\_\_

- Review plan of study \_\_\_\_\_
- Required KSP Courses (8 credits) \_\_\_\_\_
- Required Practicum (3 credits) \_\_\_\_\_
- Required Content Area Courses (8 credits) \_\_\_\_\_
- Required electives (5 credits) \_\_\_\_\_

Completion of Research course (6 credits) \_\_\_\_\_

- KSP 681            Quantitative Research (3) or
- KSP 682            Qualitative Research (3) and
- KSP 579           Grant Writing and Program Funding (3)
- KSP 699            Thesis (3)

Note: All candidates need to meet with their advisor prior to taking any research course work and completing their capstone project.

## **V. Starting the Capstone Project for the Specialist Degree**

Contact your advisor \_\_\_\_\_

- determine the project, issue, question \_\_\_\_\_

Complete research courses (6 credits) \_\_\_\_\_

Write the Thesis \_\_\_\_\_

Oral Defense of the Thesis (completed the semester of graduation) \_\_\_\_\_

## **VII. Awarding the Degree**

Note: All candidates need to contact, discuss, and work with their committee members throughout this stage. The evaluation of the candidate's capstone experience should be on-going. Any candidate who waits until the last 3-4 weeks to contact and work with their committee members does so at their own risk and may jeopardize their completion of the degree.

Complete an application for graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Complete an application for awarding the degree \_\_\_\_\_

## **Resources**

MSU Graduate School (forms, information and deadlines): <http://www2.mnsu.edu/graduate/>  
Guidelines for Capstone Experience: <http://www2.mnsu.edu/graduate/cstudents/capstoneexp.shtml>  
GRE: <http://www.gre.org/>

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