PURPOSE: The Ed.S. degree in Occupational Studies with emphasis on technological studies is a self-contained degree program beyond the master's degree but without the heavy emphasis on research of the doctoral degree. It provides advanced study for those preparing for positions which call for a higher level of competence and specialization in occupational studies (often referred to as vocational and/or technical education).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: The graduate faculty considers the following seven factors to decide whether or not to recommend an applicant for admission:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
2. Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education
3. Completion of the UGA Graduate School Application
4. Official transcripts submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Graduate School
5. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Millers Analogy Test (MAT)
6. Submission of 3 letters of reference
7. Letter submitted to the Graduate Coordinator of the Department of Occupational Studies stating your career goals with relation to the degree being sought.

PROGRAM OF STUDY: The program of study consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours of study at the graduate level beyond the master's degree. The program is planned as a logically organized whole, in light of the student's previous undergraduate and graduate courses and anticipated professional goals.

There are three major areas of course work for the Ed.S. degree: occupational studies core courses, research course, and electives (concentration area). Each area is described in greater detail below.

1. Occupational Studies Core Courses

All students must complete the following three courses for the Ed.S. degree:

- EOCS 7200 Evaluation of Programs in Occupational Studies 3 sem. hrs.
- EOCS 8030 Organizational Behavior in Programs of Occupational Studies 3 sem. hrs.
- EOCS 8060 Administration and Supervision of Occupational Studies Programs 3 sem. hrs.

2. Research Course

Minimum 3-6 semester hours

- EOCS 7650* Applied Project in Occupational Studies 3 sem. hrs.

Note: Students are required to complete an applied research project unless satisfied in the masters degree.

3. Electives (Concentration Area)

Minimum 15-18 semester hours
The remaining 15-18 hours are selected by the student and advisor based on the student's previous courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, the student's employment experience and the student's professional goals.

**Note:** If a student has not completed the required department core courses (15 semester hours) for the Master's degree in Occupational Studies, these courses must be included on the program of study.

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAM OF STUDY

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### COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

All candidates for the Ed.S. degree must pass a final comprehensive examination administered by the Department of Workforce Education, Leadership, & Social Foundations.

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