

Regulations for Graduate Study in the Master of Healthcare Technology Program, College of Healthcare Management, Kainan University

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Article 1: Kainan University (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), College of Healthcare Management (hereinafter referred to as "the College"), and the Master's Program in Healthcare Technology (hereinafter referred to as "the Program") shall manage the graduate study of the Program in accordance with the University's regulations and the Regulations for Doctoral and Master's Degree Examinations of the University, and hereby establish these Regulations for Graduate Study of the Program (hereinafter referred to as "these Regulations").

Article 2: The maximum duration of graduate study for the Program shall be in accordance with Article 83 of the University's regulations.

Article 3: Before the end of the first semester of the first academic year, Program graduate students should select a thesis advisor and submit a written application to the College, which must be approved by the Program Affairs Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"). Those who do not apply for a thesis advisor may have one assigned by the Committee, considering the research direction specified by the graduate students.

Article 4: In principle, each thesis advisor in the Program can supervise up to six graduate students. However, if specialization and field requirements necessitate, the Committee may approve exceptions to this limit. At least one of the thesis advisors should be a full-time or adjunct professor, associate professor, or assistant professor at the University. If a thesis advisor needs to be changed for any reason, the consent of both the original and new advisors is required, and the change must be approved by the Committee.

Article 5: Program graduate students may apply for credit exemptions after enrollment, subject to the review and approval of the Committee. The relevant regulations for credit exemption shall be processed in accordance with the University's regulations on student credit exemption.

Article 6: The research topic and content of graduate theses in the Program should be aligned with the professional fields of the Program. Graduate students must obtain the approval of their thesis advisor to submit a thesis proposal for review to the College. After approval, they may proceed with their thesis research and writing.

Article 7: Program graduate students applying for a degree thesis examination shall follow the following provisions:

1. Application Deadline: In accordance with the application deadlines for degree examinations specified by the University.
2. Eligibility:
 - (1) Those who have completed one academic year of study.
 - (2) Those who have completed one semester of study after completing the College's master's degree credit program and the integrated five-year bachelor's and master's degree program.
 - (3) Those who have passed more than two-thirds of the required graduation credits and have passed the online academic ethics education test of the Taiwan Academic Ethics Education Resource Center.
 - (4) Those whose thesis proposals have been approved
 - (5) Those who have completed the initial draft of their thesis and meet the University's thesis formatting regulations.
3. Application Document Requirements: To be announced on the College's website.
4. In case of doubts regarding the alignment of the research topic and content of a graduate thesis with the professional fields of the Program, it may be subject to review by the Committee, and the advisor may be asked to provide an explanation.

Article 8: The degree thesis examination shall be conducted orally, and it shall be handled in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The Degree Thesis Examination Committee shall consist of three to five members (including one advisor and at least one-third external committee members), appointed by the Dean, with one member of the examination committee elected as the convener by mutual agreement. The advisor may not serve as the convener. Adjunct faculty of the University may be considered external committee members, but if adjunct faculty members serve as advisors or co-advisors to graduate students, they shall be regarded as internal committee members.
2. Members of the Degree Thesis Examination Committee, in addition to specialized expertise in the field of the graduate student's thesis, should meet one of the following qualifications:
 - (1) Former professors, associate professors, or assistant professors.
 - (2) Academicians of the Academia Sinica or former researchers, associate researchers, or assistant researchers of the Academia Sinica.
 - (3) Holders of a Ph.D. with notable academic achievements.
 - (4) Specialists in rare or specialized disciplines with notable academic or professional achievements.
3. Members of the Degree Thesis Examination Committee shall attend in person, and may not delegate representation. The degree thesis examination must have at least three committee members in attendance for it to proceed.
4. Degree thesis examination results are graded on a scale of 0 to 100, with a passing score of 70 or higher. The evaluation is limited to a single attempt and is determined by the average score assigned by the attending committee members. If more than two-thirds of the attending committee members assign a failing grade, the thesis is considered not passed, and an average is not computed.
5. If a student receives a failing grade in the degree thesis examination and has not yet reached the maximum study period, they may retake the examination in the following

semester or academic year. A retake is allowed only once. If the retake is also unsuccessful, the student shall be required to withdraw from the program.

6. Before the degree thesis examination, students should have their initial thesis draft checked for formatting compliance and provide the results of the check to the examination committee and the advisor. After the degree thesis examination, students should have their final thesis draft checked for formatting compliance and submit the results to the advisor and the College for confirmation, and complete the Agreement on the Completion of the Degree Thesis for storage in the College.
7. Students shall complete the Degree Thesis Public Application Form, which shall be signed by the advisor and submitted to the College for record.

Article 9: Program graduate students who complete the required graduation credits within the specified study period, meet the relevant graduation conditions, and pass the degree thesis examination are eligible to be awarded the master's degree as per the regulations. Those who fail to meet the above requirements shall be required to withdraw from the program. The College shall review the submission of students' theses to the Taiwan Electronic Theses and Dissertations System (ETDS) before reviewing and issuing graduation certificates.

Article 10: If there is evidence of academic misconduct in the thesis, as determined by the Degree Thesis Examination Committee, it shall be considered a failing grade. In the case of degrees that have already been conferred, if it is found that a thesis (including those obtained through creative work, performance, written reports, or technical reports) violates academic ethics, and an investigation confirms the violation, the qualification for graduation and the degree shall be revoked. The revocation shall be publicly announced, and any previously issued degree certificates shall be recalled and forfeited. This process shall be conducted in accordance with the University's Regulations for Handling Cases of Violation of Academic Ethics in Doctoral and Master's Degree Theses.

Article 11: The writing of master's degree theses shall adhere to the specified format, with a preference for writing in either Chinese or English.

Article 12: Matters not covered by these Regulations shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations of the University.

Article 13: These Regulations, after being approved by the Program Affairs Meeting, the College Affairs Meeting, and the Academic Affairs Meeting, shall be submitted for approval by the University President. They shall take effect from the date of promulgation and shall also be applicable when amended.