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- A. To enhance the academic experience for students and optimize the efficiency of faculty workloads within programs offering both graduate certificates and doctoral degrees, we hereby establish a policy permitting the inclusion of up to 9 hours of Lamar University graduate certificate coursework, at any level (5000 or above), to be applied toward the doctoral-level course requirements. Furthermore, an additional 3 hours (for a total of 12 hours) of Lamar University graduate certificate hours may be credited if the coursework is at the doctoral level (6000 or above). This policy aims to not only broaden recruitment opportunities for doctoral candidates but also streamline the progression of students through their graduate studies. Additionally, it is designed to alleviate workload concerns for faculty members, fostering a more effective and resourceful educational environment.
- B. The policy applies to all LU programs offering both graduate certificates and doctoral degrees. The policy should not be used to supersede any accreditation, state, or federal policies that may apply to specific programs, ensuring full compliance with external regulations and standards that are pertinent to each individual program's requirements and expectations.
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