

GRADUATE PROGRAM VERIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Print your name and social security number in the blanks below, and have your academic advisor complete the *Academic Advisor Section*. Once this form has been completed, return it to our office for review.

Student's Name Printed

Social Security Number

NOTE ABOUT PROGRAMS:

- A student must be pursuing a degree or certificate at Nicholls State University in order to be eligible to receive financial aid. A student must officially declare a major with the Office of Records to be considered "pursuing a degree or certificate".
- A pre-program student is one who has been admitted to Graduate Studies, and who wishes to pursue a degree, but has not met all of the requirements for admission to a graduate program (e.g., no GRE score, insufficient GMAT score, or no teaching certificate). A student who is enrolled in a pre-program may be eligible to receive financial aid for a period of **up to one calendar year**. The one-calendar-year exception is a **once-in-a-lifetime exception**, regardless of the number of times the student enrolls in a pre-program.
- A student who is pursuing a Master's degree, Certification, or a higher-level degree is only eligible for financial aid based on the current curriculum being pursued by the student and the academic advisor's calculation of the total number of hours necessary to complete the program.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR SECTION

- _____ 1. Indicate the name of the actual Master's degree, Certification, or higher-level degree the student is pursuing.
- _____ 2. Indicate the number of credit hours of preparatory coursework the student is required to take in order to be accepted into the actual Master's program, Certification program, or higher-level program. (If the answer is zero, please indicate this.)
- _____ 3. Indicate the total number of hours the student is required to complete for the Master's degree, Certification, or higher-level degree. Do **NOT** include any prerequisite hours listed in #2 above. Include hours already pursued in the program and hours the student has left to take in the program.

Signature of Academic Advisor

Date