

Graduate School Outcomes Creighton University

Creighton University embraces the Jesuit spirit of intellectual openness, tolerance, and celebration of different gifts and talents. Within the context of Creighton as a Catholic, Jesuit University, the Graduate School provides a value-centered education that develops advanced mastery of a field of study. It puts graduate students in personal contact with faculty scholars in an environment that fosters critical judgment, scholarly initiative, and disciplined inquiry. Creighton students are challenged to develop as professionals who have the wisdom and judgment necessary to provide leadership in helping build a more just society. From the Mission Statement emerge six objectives.

At the completion of their programs, graduates will:

1. demonstrate the disciplinary competence and/or professional proficiency with a global perspective in service to others;
2. demonstrate an ability to combine critical thinking, disciplined research, and effective problem-solving in their field of study;
3. demonstrate ethical decision making, service, and civic responsibility in accordance with the Judeo-Christian tradition and Ignatian values;
4. respectfully and effectively communicate information through all modes of expression;
5. demonstrate deliberative reflection for lifelong personal and professional formation; and
6. demonstrate an ability to work effectively and in solidarity across the distinctions of human diversity.

These six objectives provide a general framework for the assessment of student learning outcomes of various graduate programs. Some differences in content and emphasis will be noted between programs given the roles for which students are being prepared. For example, doctoral programs will put substantial emphasis on the independent conduct of research while programs leading to a master's may put more emphasis on the ability to critique research and interpret findings to non-specialists in their field.