Checklist for Degree Completion

General Requirements for ECE/ECSE MSEG Degrees:

- An interview with Dr. Caro for individualized program complete
- A minimum of 30 credits in graduate courses.
- At least 15 credits must be taken in courses numbered 700 and above.
- An approved Program of Study must be on file with your advisor and the Director of
  Graduate Studies, School of Education.
- A minimum overall grade point average of 3.00.
- Successfully complete the comprehensive exam.
- A seven-year period is required for completion of a master’s degree. The seven-year
time line commences with the beginning of the term in which the first course approved
for your program of study was taken. For example, if you were accepted in fall 2006, part
of your plan includes a course taken in the spring 2001 semester; you would have until the
beginning of the spring 2008 semester to complete your degree. The seven-year time
limit is based on the occurrence of the courses included in your plan.

Every graduate student completes a culminating experience.

Culminating Experience: Enroll in either Education 707 or 782 or the UW-Whitewater course
SPECED 702 Reflective Practice and Action Research (as approved by your adviser) and
complete a comprehensive examination covering 12 credits from your Program of Study which
includes required foundations, curriculum components, and an additional 6 credits from Area 2 of
your Program of Study.

You may not write on practicum, independent study, or research work. You must have at least 24
credits completed toward your Program of Study, including the required component area
coursework, before you can register to write your exam. Register for the exam one semester
before you plan to take it. For more information, contact the School of Education Graduate
Advising Office at 715-346-4403.

Exit Interview

1. Complete a final credit check (exit interview) with Lori Yonash, Program Assistant. She will
   review the progress in completion of your courses prior to your taking the comprehensive
   examination or completing a thesis. It is during this credit check that you will be provided with
   information about graduate exams in education and be provided with the application for the
   awarding of the diploma.

2. This credit check must be complete one semester prior to the one in which you plan to
   graduate. You apply for graduation after the credit check is conducted.

3. Deadlines: Decide which semester you anticipate receiving your degree. Schedule your credit
   check, sign up for the comprehensive examination, and apply for graduation by the month
   indicated below:

   - Apply by August for December diploma and graduation ceremony.
   - Apply by December for May diploma and graduation ceremony.
   - Apply by December for August diploma. There is no ceremony in August, however,
     candidates may request to participate in either May or December ceremonies.