direct-Ph.D.

Direct-Ph.D. Admission

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Select Advisor — Within 1st Semester Enrolled

Complete 21 Course Credits — Within 1st Three Semesters

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Submit M.S. Plan of Study

Determine Decision for Ph.D. Track

- Ph.D. Track, proceed with direct-Ph.D. Flowchart
- M.S., Thesis, Proceed with M.S., Thesis Flowchart
- M.S., Non-thesis, Proceed with M.S., Non-Thesis Flowchart

Upon Completion of 21 Course Credits or 1.5 Years; whichever comes first

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Collaborate Qualifying Exam with Area Chair — Beginning of 4th Semester

Submit Qualifying Exam Request Form to ECE Graduate Counselor — 1 Week Prior to Exam

Pass Qualifying Exam

Submit Qualifying Exam Result Form to ECE Graduate Counselor

Within 2 Semesters after Completion of 21 Course Credits

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Complete Remaining 9 Course Credits — 4th Semester Enrolled

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Complete On-line Application for M.S., Non-Thesis via Hokie Spa

- Fall – October 1st
- Spring – March 1st
- Summer I – June 1st
- Summer II – August 1st

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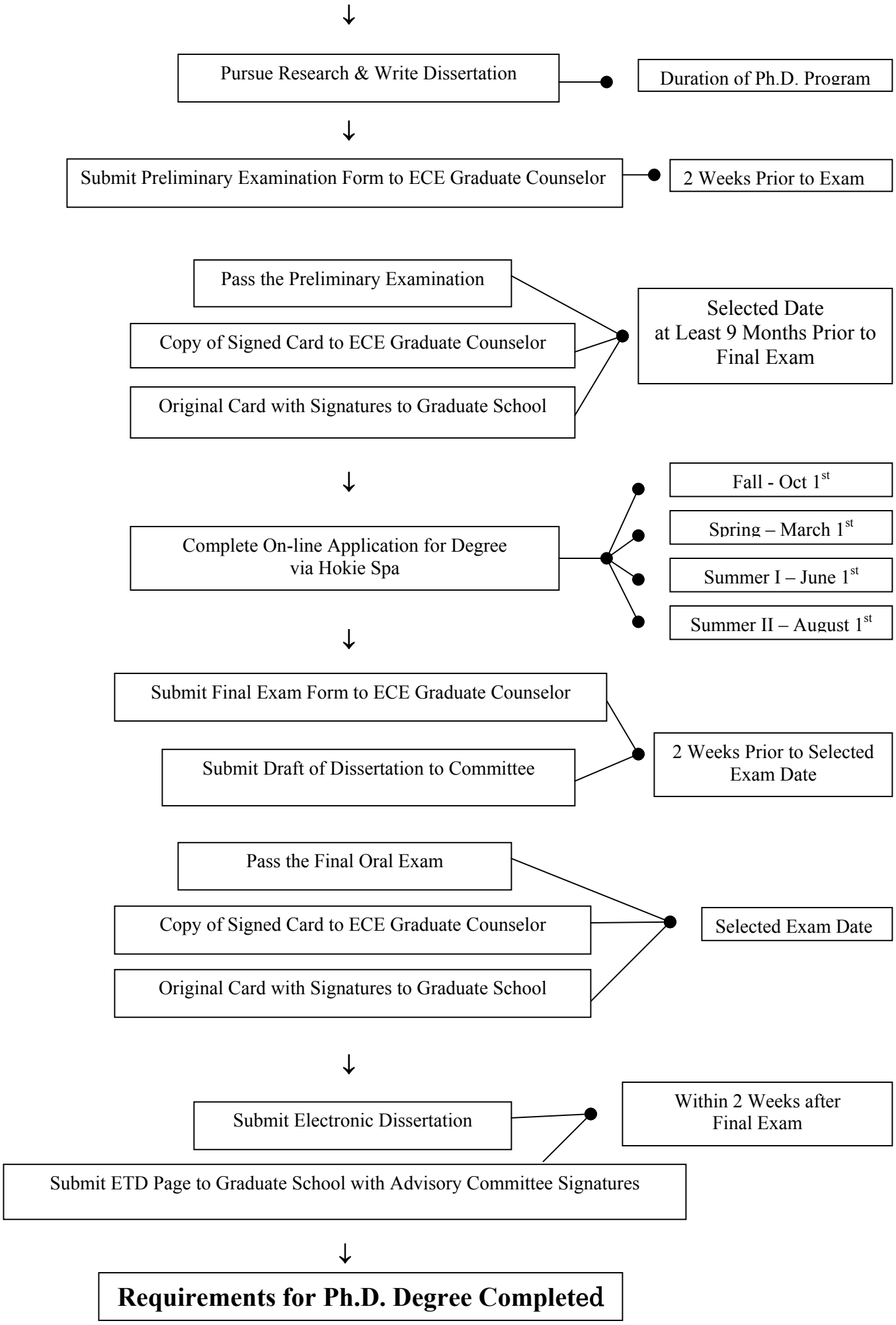
Submit Final Exam Form to ECE Graduate Counselor — 4 Weeks Prior to Commencement

Original Card to ECE Graduate Counselor for Signature — Selected Date

Formality for M.S., Non-thesis, degree to be awarded

Requirements for M.S., Non-Thesis Degree Completed


Pursue Research & Write Dissertation
Duration of Ph.D. Program
Submit Preliminary Examination Form to ECE Graduate Counselor
2 Weeks Prior to Exam
Pass the Preliminary Examination
Copy of Signed Card to ECE Graduate Counselor
Original Card with Signatures to Graduate School
Selected Date at Least 9 Months Prior to Final Exam
Complete On-line Application for Degree via Hokie Spa
Fall - Oct 1st
Spring – March 1st
Summer I – June 1st
Summer II – August 1st
Submit Final Exam Form to ECE Graduate Counselor
Submit Draft of Dissertation to Committee
2 Weeks Prior to Selected Exam Date
Pass the Final Oral Exam
Copy of Signed Card to ECE Graduate Counselor
Original Card with Signatures to Graduate School
Selected Exam Date
Submit Electronic Dissertation
Within 2 Weeks after Final Exam
Submit ETD Page to Graduate School with Advisory Committee Signatures
Requirements for Ph.D. Degree Completed