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   **Required Documents**
   - Online or Paper Application/Application Fee
   - Official Transcripts
   - Essay and Resume
   - 3 Recommendation letters

2. **MSSE Admissions Screening Committee Review**
   Application is reviewed and upon committee recommendation, forwarded to The Graduate School for final approval.

3. **The Graduate School Review**
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4. **Begin Course and Degree Requirements:**
   **A. Course Requirements** (30 Graduate Credits)
   - 14 Core Education Credits (EDCI 504, EDCI 505, EDCI 509, EDCI 575, MSSE 501)
   - 12 Science Credits (must complete at least one 2 credit campus field/lab science course)
   - 4 Elective Credits (may be science or elective education courses)

   **B. Degree Requirements:**
   - Completion of Program of Study
     Work with MSSE Office to complete by the end of EDCI 505, followed by submission by the MSSE office to The Graduate School. See "Advising Center" at http://www.montana.edu/msse/advising%20info.htm#guide.
     Arrange 3-member Faculty Graduate Committee at the beginning of EDCI 509. See Advising Center at http://www.montana.edu/msse/advising%20info.htm#committee.
     Work with the MSSE office to complete the Application for Advanced Degree during the final spring semester before graduation.

5. **Completion of Course and Degree Requirements**
   Participation in the Capstone Forum during Spring Semester before Summer Graduation
   Presentation of Capstone Project at the Summer Science Education Symposium (1-week on campus)
   Completion of the Comprehensive Session following the Capstone Presentation
   Submission of Final Approved Capstone Paper to the MSSE Office, Graduate School, and Library

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**MSSE Degree Time Line**

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**Degree Completion Time Line Scenarios**

**These are examples of the many scenarios that can lead to degree completion.**

**2-2 1/2 Year Time Line**

1st Summer - MSSE 501 & 6 cr online or campus science/education electives
1st Fall Semester - online EDCI 504 - 3 cr
1st Spring Semester - online EDCI 505 - 3 cr
2nd Summer - 8 cr of online or campus science/education electives
2nd Fall Semester - online EDCI 509 - 3 cr
2nd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
3rd Summer - campus EDCI 575 Capstone & 2 cr campus field/lab science course

**4 Year Time Line**

1st Summer Session - 3 cr online or campus science/education electives
1st Fall Semester - MSSE 501 & 1 cr online science or education elective
1st Spring Semester - 3 cr online science or education elective
1st Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science /education electives
2nd Fall Semester - online EDCI 504 - 3 cr
2nd Spring Semester - online EDCI 505 - 3 cr
2nd Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science/education electives
3rd Fall Semester - online EDCI 509 - 3 cr
3rd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
3rd Summer Session - campus EDCI 575 - 3 cr

**3 Year Time Line**

1st Fall Semester - MSSE 501 & 1 cr online science or education elective
1st Spring Semester - 3 cr online science or education elective
1st Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science /education electives
2nd Fall Semester - online EDCI 504 - 3 cr
2nd Spring Semester - online EDCI 505 - 3 cr
2nd Summer Session - 6 cr online or campus science/education electives
3rd Fall Semester - online EDCI 509 - 3 cr
3rd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
3rd Summer Session - campus EDCI 575 - 3 cr

**2-2 1/2 Year Time Line with Transfer Graduate Credits**

Transfer 9 credits - Transfer Definition: credits taken prior to admissions to the MSSE Program and/or credits taken at another university
1st Fall Semester - online EDCI 504 - 3 cr
1st Spring Semester - online EDCI 505 - 3 cr
2nd Summer - MSSE 501 & 4 cr online or campus sci/education electives
2nd Fall Semester - online EDCI 509 - 3 cr
2nd Spring Semester - online Spring Capstone Forum
3rd Summer - campus EDCI 575 Capstone & 3 cr campus field/lab science course