STATUTE E2

DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

Admission

1. For admission as a candidate for the degree of Master of Education, a person must be a graduate of the University or such graduate of another university as the Academic Board, on the recommendation of the Head of the NIE Centre for Educational Research, may approve. The candidate must submit evidence of adequate training and ability to undertake the proposed course.

2. A candidate must normally have a Postgraduate Diploma in Education or an approved equivalent qualification and must provide evidence of a period of educational service. The normal requirements are not less than twenty-four months’ teaching service or other educational experience (relevant to the selected field of study) after obtaining the Postgraduate Diploma in Education or an approved equivalent qualification.

Period and nature of study

3. After his application has been approved by the Board of Graduate Studies, the candidate shall commence his course of study at such time as may be determined by the Head of the NIE Centre for Educational Research. The minimum period of candidature is twenty-four months and the maximum period of candidature is forty-eight months.

4. During the period of his candidature for the degree of Master of Education, the candidate must pursue such courses of study and pass such examinations as may be prescribed by Regulations made by the Board of Graduate Studies on the advice of the NIE Centre for Educational Research.

REGULATIONS MADE UNDER STATUTE E2

1. The course of study leading to the degree of Master of Education consists of two Parts:

   (a) Part I comprises -

       (i) three subjects in Research Methodology to be chosen from the following:

               MEd801 Research Methods
               MEd802 Statistical Analysis
               MEd805 Research Instrumentation
               MEd806 Qualitative Research Methods
(ii) three elective subjects chosen in accordance with the provisions of regulation 2 of these Regulations.

(b) Part II comprises a dissertation on a topic approved by the Board of Graduate Studies.

2. (1) A candidate shall select three elective subjects relevant to his area of specialisation from the following:

MEd803 Perspectives on Developments in Education  
MEd804 Advanced Research Methodology  
MEd807 Advanced Theory and Practice of Educational Measurement  
MEd826 Research and Issues in Language Education  
MEd827 Research and Issues in Geographic Education  
MEd828 Development of Thinking in the Geography Curriculum  
MEd829 Music in Aesthetic Education  
MEd841 Individual Differences and Learning  
MEd842 Research/Issues in Pastoral Care and Career Guidance  
MEd843 Social Psychology of Education  
MEd845 Perspectives and Research in the Sociology of Education  
MEd847 Early Intervention and Diagnostic Teaching Methods  
MEd848 Child and Adolescent Development  
MEd849 Curriculum: Research and Evaluation  
MEd850 The Psychology of Creativity: Research and Applications  
MEd851 Information Technology in Education  
MEd852 Instructional Hypermedia  
MEd853 Cognition, Learning and Technology  
MEd861 Learning Style  
MEd866 The Teaching/Learning Process in Physical Education  
MEd867 Assessment and Prescription in Physical Education  
MEd868 Physical Education Curriculum: Contemporary Issues and Trends  
MEd869 Lifespan, Growth and Motor Development  
MEd881 Research and Issues in Science Education  
MEd882 Research and Issues in Mathematics Education  
MEd891 Advanced Statistical Analysis

(2) Not all elective subjects are necessarily available in any one year.

(3) The Board of Graduate Studies, on the advice of the Head of the NIE Centre for Educational Research, may add to the list of elective subjects from time to time.

(4) The Board of Graduate Studies, on the advice of the Head of the NIE Centre for Educational Research, may replace one elective subject with any other Master’s level subject offered by NIE.

3. In relation to his dissertation, each candidate will be supervised by a teacher or teachers, or a teacher and any other person jointly, appointed by the Board of Graduate Studies.
4. The supervisor shall submit to the Board of Graduate Studies annually towards the end of each academic year a confidential report on the work of the candidate.

5. For Part I of the course, there shall be a written examination or assignment for each of the subjects of study offered by the candidate.

6. The candidate must usually offer two subjects during each semester of study. The NIE Centre for Educational Research shall determine the distribution of subjects for each semester.

7. (1) After passing the examination, the candidate may submit his dissertation at any time within forty-eight months of his admission as a candidate for the degree of Master of Education.

(2) Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Graduate Studies, the dissertation should not exceed 15,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding appendices, bibliography, maps, charts, statistical tables, graphs, illustrations).

8. A candidate may not submit as his dissertation work which has been submitted for a degree of, or for which a degree has already been conferred by, the University or any other university; but he is not precluded from incorporating any part of such work provided that in his dissertation he clearly indicates the part of the work which has been so incorporated.

9. A candidate may, with the approval of his supervisor, publish papers on his work during his course of study provided that due reference is made to the University in all such papers.

10. The dissertation will be examined in the same manner as in the case of a thesis submitted for a Master's degree.

11. Copies of the dissertation must be submitted in accordance with the provisions prescribed in clause 10 of the Degrees of Master Statute (Statute 18).

12. (1) A candidate who has not completed and passed at least three subjects since his admission to the programme will be dismissed if he has either:

(a) failed to obtain a pass after two attempts in any one subject; or

(b) failed in two or more subjects at any one semestral examination; or

(c) failed his first attempts in a total of three subjects since his
admission to the programme.

(2) Regulation 12(1) will not apply to any candidate who has passed at least three subjects since his admission to the programme.

(3) A candidate who fails an attempt in any subject is required to repeat the course of study in the subject before attempting the examination in that subject again. In the case of failure in an elective subject, the candidate may, with the approval of the Head of NIE Centre for Educational Research, offer an alternative subject, which for this purpose will be deemed a repeat attempt in the original subject.

(4) Transfer of credits and subject exemptions granted will not be counted as subjects passed in counting the number of subjects a candidate has passed since his admission to the programme.

13. (1) A candidate who is prevented by illness or other extenuating circumstances from taking or completing the examination may be permitted by the Board of Graduate Studies to take the examination in the relevant papers again at a subsequent period of the examination provided that the illness is reported to the Registrar and a medical report submitted to the Registrar within forty-eight hours of the candidate's absence from the examination. In such a case, the candidate may be required, at the discretion of the Board of Graduate Studies, to repeat the course before sitting the examination again.

(2) Any fee payable for the medical examination under regulation 13(1) of these Regulations shall be paid by the candidate.

14. The Academic Board may grant such exemptions as it thinks fit from the requirements of these Regulations.

End of Statute E2