

## ***Capstone Experience Requirements***

A capstone experience must satisfy the following requirements/standards:

1. The capstone experience should require students to demonstrate an ability to synthesize the fundamental theories, knowledge, and skills of the educational program in an applied setting.
2. It should be an experience shaped by the input of a professional in the field during which the student is provided with frequent opportunities for evaluation and feedback.
3. The experience should require the student to demonstrate professional levels of oral and written communication.
4. The capstone experience should include a paper or other product that demonstrates:
  - a. literature search or some other benchmark research beyond the student's own experience (allowing the integration of research-based theory and practice in the relevant field)
  - b. synthesis of the research (written work, art presentation, PowerPoint presentation, etc.) (showing critical thinking, e.g. complex problem solving that accounts for multiple perspectives)

Note: Each curriculum proposal for an Applied Master Degree must indicate how the proposed capstone experience meets the listed requirements/standards.

## ***Evaluation of Capstone Experience***

All parts of the capstone experience must be evaluated by

- a. at least two (2) BSU graduate faculty members, one (1) of whom must be from a department other than the department hosting the graduate program, and
- b. a BSU approved professional in the field (approved by the department hosting the program and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies). The committee is responsible for approving and evaluating the capstone proposal, and the completion of the capstone experience.