

GRADUATE SCHOOL

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The Graduate School at the University of North Carolina Wilmington administers programs of study leading to the Master of Business Administration; the Master of Education; Master of Science in biology, chemistry, computer science and information systems, geology, gerontology, instructional technology, mathematics, marine science and marine biology; Master of Arts in criminology and public sociology, English, environmental studies, history, liberal studies, psychology and Spanish; the Master of School Administration; the Master of Arts in Teaching; the Master of Science in Accountancy; the Master of Fine Arts in creative writing; the Master of Science in Nursing; Master of Public Administration; Master of Social Work; Ph.D. in marine biology; Ed.D. in educational leadership and administration; Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs in applied statistics, gerontology, environmental studies, instructional technology specialist, Hispanic studies; and Post-Master's certificates in liberal studies, nurse educator and family nurse practitioner.

Each of these programs provides capable students with an opportunity to pursue advanced study, training, and research designed to enhance their academic and professional development. More detailed descriptions of these programs appears separately in the following pages.

ADMISSIONS

GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

For admission to a graduate degree program at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, the applicant must (1) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in this country or its equivalent in a foreign institution based on a four-year program; (2) have a strong overall academic record with a B average or better in the basic courses prerequisite to the area of proposed graduate study; and (3) present satisfactory scores on the specified examination. For information on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) contact the University Testing Services. (Test scores more than five years old at the time of application will not be considered.) In addition, students who are taking, or have taken, graduate work elsewhere must be in good standing at that institution to be eligible to take graduate work at UNCW.

Applications for admission to most graduate degree programs should be filed in the Graduate School at least sixty (60) days in advance of the term in which admission is sought; most programs require earlier deadlines. All applicants must apply through the Graduate School web site www.uncw.edu/grad_info/

If admitted applicants do not register for the term specified in this application, their admission will be subject to review at a later date. A student who leaves the university and who does not register for at least one semester must apply for readmission to the Graduate School. Each student admitted to a graduate degree program must have a completed medical report form on file at UNCW before initial registration may be effective. In addition, an immunization record for each newly admitted UNCW graduate student, regardless of status, is required by law to be on file at UNCW prior to enrollment.

Graduate students are subject to the same university policies and regulations as undergraduates unless otherwise stated. Specific admission requirements are listed under each degree program.

REGULAR ADMISSION WITH DEFICIENCIES

A student whose grades and/or test scores and admissions portfolio are at an acceptable level but who does not have the undergraduate background expected by the academic unit and the Graduate School may be assigned deficiency courses. The letter of admission lists the deficiencies that must be completed before the student advances to candidacy. It may be required that some or all deficiencies be completed before the student enrolls in specific degree courses. Deficiency courses are taken in addition to those normally required for a degree.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

A student who does not meet minimum academic standards but has counterbalancing evidence to suggest the potential for success may be admitted on a provisional basis. Provisional admission provides an academic unit with more evidence on which to base its admission decision. A student must obtain a grade of B or better in all courses taken while in provisional status. Normally, the academic unit reviews the student's status following completion of nine hours of approved graduate study. At that time, the academic unit recommends to the Graduate School a change in status to either regular admission or withdrawal from the program. A student who has completed provisional requirements should check with the academic unit to verify that the change of status has been recommended. A provisional student may also be assigned deficiency courses.

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS (Special Graduate Status)

In some cases, students who are not seeking a graduate degree maybe permitted to take graduate courses. Such permission to take graduate courses does not constitute admission to a graduate degree program. Non-degree graduate

students are not candidates for degrees. Enrollment must be maintained in at least one graduate course each semester. The undergraduate grade-point averages for non-degree graduate students are expected to meet the same standards that apply to the admission of graduate students in full standing. Students that are later accepted to a degree program may, with approval, have up to 10 hours applied toward the degree. Normally, non-degree status is not available and does not apply to students interested in taking courses in the Cameron School of Business Administration. Admission requirements may vary for each academic unit, and students seeking non-degree status therefore must determine and meet these conditions prior to completing their application. Any individual having an interest in applying for admission as a non-degree graduate student should contact the Graduate School.

RE-ENROLLING

A student who leaves the university and who does not register for at least one semester (fall or spring, not applicable for summer) must apply for readmission to the Graduate School. The reenrollment application is available through the Graduate School web site www.uncw.edu/grad_info/. No fee is required.

ADMISSIONS – INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students must present evidence of their ability to speak, read, and write the English language and to meet fully the financial obligations associated with their study at the university. Students from foreign countries where English is not the primary language must present the results of the TOEFL examination (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System), as a part of their application for admission. A minimum score of 217 (computerized test), 550 (paper test), or a minimum score of 79 on the Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) is required for admission to all programs, or IELTS minimum score of 6.5 or 7.0 to be eligible for a teaching assistantship, but this score does not guarantee acceptance. For those applicants who do not meet the TOEFL requirements, UNCW offers conditional acceptance to degree programs for those students who successfully complete the UNCW ESL program and are academically admissible to the university. A financial responsibility statement must also be submitted.

In addition to the TOEFL, international applicants who do not speak English as a primary language and who wish to become teaching assistants are required to demonstrate competence in oral communication skills if the teaching assistantship involves classroom instruction, laboratory instruction, or tutoring. A minimum score of 45 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or a minimum of 25 on the speaking section of the TOEFL iBT or an examination of comparable score on an equivalent test is required to be eligible for an instructional assignment. Minimum score criteria may be higher for some graduate programs.

ADMISSIONS – SENIOR CITIZENS

~~Residents of North Carolina age 65 or older who meet applicable admission requirements may enroll tuition free on a space available basis, with instructor approval. Students who wish to enroll under the provisions of this law should document their senior citizen status at the time of registration.~~



POLICY STATEMENT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WORKING ON CAMPUS

Graduate students may be employed as a teaching/research assistant or in another flat-rate assignment on campus. Normally, these assignments do not exceed 20 hours per week during the regular fall or spring term. Additional hourly work on campus may be approved by the Graduate School on a temporary, case-by-case basis; however, the total assignment should not exceed 30 hours per week. Before approving all assignments the Graduate School verifies that the student is not on academic probation and that the assignment will not negatively impact the student's academic performance.

It is the responsibility of each academic unit to ensure that academic progress is a priority and work assignments do not interfere with a student's progress toward the degree.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is committed to and will provide equality of educational and employment opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex (such as gender, marital status, and pregnancy), age, color, national origin (including ethnicity), creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran status, or relationship to other university constituents - except where sex, age, or ability represent bona fide educational or occupational qualifications or where marital status is a statutorily established eligibility criterion for State funded employee benefit programs.

Any student who supplies false or misleading information or who conceals pertinent facts in order to enroll in the University of North Carolina Wilmington is subject to immediate dismissal from the university.

Application forms and other admissions information may be obtained through the Graduate School web site. www.uncw.edu/grad_info/ Contact information: Graduate School, University of North Carolina Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403-5955, (910) 962-3135 or (910) 962-4117 phone, (910) 962-3787 fax.

DEPARTMENT AND PREREQUISITE ABBREVIATIONS

The following standard list of abbreviations are used for stating department and prerequisite abbreviations:

Accountancy	ACG
Anthropology	ANT
Biology	BIO
Biology Lab	BIOL
Business Law	BLA
Chemistry	CHM
Chemistry Lab	CHML
Computer Science	CSC
Criminology and Public Sociology	CRM/SOC
Creative Writing	CRW
Economics	ECN
Education	EDN
English	ENG
Environmental Studies	EVS
Finance	FIN
Geography	GGY
Geology	GLY
Gerontology	GRN
History	HST
Information Systems	MIS
Instructional Technology	MIT
Liberal Studies	GLS
Licensure	LIC
Management	MGT
Marine Science	MSC
Marketing	MKT
Master of Business Administration	MBA
Mathematics	MAT
Mathematics for middle grades education	MAE
Operations Management	POM
Nursing	NUR
Philosophy & Religion	PAR
Physics and Physical Oceanography	PHY
Production and Decision Sciences	PDS
Psychology	PSY
Public Administration	MPA
Science	SCI
Social Work	SWK
Spanish	SPN
Statistics	STT