



Graduate Admissions Requirements

General University Requirements

Admission to Graduate Studies at Fairmont State University requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 2.75 overall grade point average or a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale on the student's last sixty (60) semester hours (see note below on admission to a certification program) of baccalaureate degree courses. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college or university that issued the baccalaureate degree to the Office of Admissions.

In addition, students must submit scores on a graduate aptitude test such as the Graduate Record Examination or Miller Analogies Test. Scores more than five years old are not accepted. This score requirement may be waived for applicants who already possess a master's degree from Fairmont State or another institution.

Test scores alone may not determine admission to Graduate Studies. Letters of recommendation, statements of purpose, and personal interviews may also be used to assess a student's preparedness for and probability of success in graduate school. Applicants who do not meet all minimum admission criteria may be admitted provisionally.

A complete application package includes:

- An Application form,
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended,
- Scores for a graduate aptitude test taken within the last five years, and
- A check or money order made payable to Fairmont State University for the \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee. This fee covers admission expenses for a period of two years. If you wish to re-apply after the two year period has expired, an additional \$40.00 fee will be required.

School of Education, Health and Human Performance Requirements (Effective July 1, 2011)

Applicants for programs in the School of Education Health and Human Performance must meet the following specific criteria:

Unconditional admission: GRE score of 800 or higher or MAT score of 378.

Provisional admission: GRE score of 700-799 or MAT score of 375 –377

Acceptable performance (3.00 or higher) in first nine hours of graduate level coursework

Denial: Applicants with a score below 700 (GRE) or 375 (MAT)

Note: Certified teachers who have a passing PLT score may be exempted from GRE/MAT requirements. Applicants already holding a masters degree are also exempted.

Note: M.A.T. content condition – Candidates applying to the M.A.T. program must have completed satisfactorily completed 50% of the required content credit hours prior to admissions.

Note: Applicants for the M.Ed. in Exercise Science, Fitness and Wellness may have to meet pre-requisite course requirements as part of admissions.

Note: Applicants for any certification program (M.Ed. or M.A.T.) must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher. The provision for calculating the last 60 credit hours noted above does not apply to certification programs. This includes all transcripts from all previous degrees and matriculation.