GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
School of Education Health and Human Performance

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.

Please review the “Additional Information” section at the end of this document for program-specific conditions and criteria for admission.

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, 2012)

Applicants for graduate programs in the School of Education Health and Human Performance must meet the following specific criteria in addition to University admission policy criteria:

Unconditional admission: GRE score of 284 (800 on the previous scoring scale) or MAT score of 378.

Provisional admission: GRE score below 284 (or below 800 on the old scale) or MAT score below 378.
Applicants who are admitted on a provisional basis due to the absence of a test score or who provide a provisional test score at the point of application will matriculate with a restricted set of course options in the first 9 hours of study. Different M.Ed. concentrations and the M.A.T. may have different requirements for the first 9 credit hours depending on the program of study.

Continuation in a program of study for provisionally admitted students will be determined based on performance in the first 9 credit hours. Provisionally admitted students must hold a minimum grade point average of 3.0 with no grade lower than “B” in any graduate course. Provisionally admitted students may not have a grade of “I” or “W” in the first 9 credit hours.

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Provisionally admitted students must provide the required test score before the completion of the first term of matriculation (summer, spring or fall) after provisional admission is approved.

**GRE Score Conversion**

Beginning in the fall 2011 the GRE has a new scoring system. The score scale has changed from a 200 – 800 score to 130 – 170 score for the Verbal and Quantitative tests. The previous unconditional score for FSU was combined score of 800 (conditional score = 700). This was based on a Quantitative score of 460 and Verbal score of 340 (340+460 = 800). These scores equal scores of 142 on the new scoring system. This results in the new unconditional acceptance score equaling 284 (new conditional score equals 277).

Note: The 460 and 340 scores equaled the same percentile ranking for their respective sub – tests, in the new scoring system a 142 on the verbal is the same percentile as a 142 on the quant.

**Additional Information for Program Applicants**

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

**Note:** All applicants admitted to a certification program of study at the graduate level are required to complete all field and clinical components in a West Virginia public school.

**Note:** Certified teachers who have a passing PLT score may be exempted from GRE/Millers requirements. Applicants already holding a master’s degree are also exempted.

**Note:** M.A.T. content condition – Candidates applying to the M.A.T. program must have:

1) Satisfactorily completed 75% of the required content credit hours prior to admissions to Graduate Studies. (Candidates needing to complete content courses may be admitted as a non-degree student to enroll in content courses, and apply to the M.A.T. program upon completion of the pre-requisite course conditions.)

2) Provided a report of a passing score on the Praxis II content test for admission to Graduate Study.

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