

BUSINESS ANALYTICS GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Exceptions to GCAC-305 (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) will be considered by the program. Exceptions may or may not be granted by the Graduate School.

Admissions Prerequisite Requirement

Prior knowledge of statistics – Applicants should have knowledge or experience in quantitative work such as science, engineering, or business. The objective is to establish a baseline knowledge and to prepare the student for the advanced coursework in this program. Applicants from other disciplines will be considered based on prior academic and professional experience. Qualified applicants should have successfully completed an undergraduate- or graduate-level course in statistics or be able to show significant experience using statistics in a professional capacity. In lieu of an appropriate statistics course or adequate professional experience, the admissions committee will consider exceptional GMAT/GRE test scores on a case-by-case basis. Students that do not have prior statistics coursework, significant experience using statistics in a professional capacity, or GRE/GMAT scores deemed sufficient by the admissions committee may complete (with a grade of B+ or better) STAT 500 Applied Statistics online, through Penn State World Campus to satisfy the statistics requirement.

Additional Requirements

Along with the submission of the online application and the nonrefundable application fee, the following is required:

- Transcripts - Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).
- Vita or Résumé – Submit a one- to two-page listing of your professional experience.
- Statement of Intent – Describe how your professional experience and goals align with the Certificate in Business Analytics. Do not exceed 500 words.
- GPA and Test Scores – GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the final two years of undergraduate studies or in your most recent graduate degree is required.
- GRE or GMAT test scores are NOT required, but are encouraged.