

# ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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## 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.

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree in engineering, science, or a related discipline.

Applicants must have a 3.0 minimum undergraduate GPA (or equivalent). Exceptions to the minimum 3.0 grade-point average may be made for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests. Applicants to the Engineering Leadership and Innovation Management (ELIM) certificate must submit the following materials:

- Penn State Graduate School application form (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and nonrefundable application fee;
- A Leadership and Innovation Personal Statement that includes a statement of career and educational goals including documentation of a minimum of one year of related full-time work. Students wishing to enter the program directly from an undergraduate degree can fulfill the 1-year requirement for work experience through summer internships, summer employment, or co-op experiences plus additional experience within professional societies. Justification for this experience should be included in the Leadership and Innovation Personal Statement. The statement should be an essay (2-3 pages in length) that demonstrates the applicant's written communication skills.
- Submission of a resume
- Submission of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).

Admissions decisions for the program are based on the quality of the applicant's credentials. The decisions are based on a review of the complete application portfolio. During the admission process, students who appear to be better suited for another graduate level program will be encouraged to apply to the appropriate program. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required.