

# EDUCATION

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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/>).

Applicants are expected to hold a master's degree in education or closely related and relevant field (30 credits minimum) and to have completed at least three years of professional practice. Applicants are required to submit an application through the Graduate School that includes a program-specific essay describing the student's interest in the program, three letters of academic and/or professional reference, and TOEFL/IELTS scores per Policy GCAC-305. Applicants are required to have demonstrated strong performance in their previous graduate programs based on their master's transcripts. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or other standardized test scores are not required for admission. Admitted students may be required to take additional course work as recommended at the time of admission. Students will provide a brief essay (up to 1,500 words) describing how their professional trajectory informs their academic goals.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. 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.