

# MICROBIOME SCIENCES

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## Admission Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

For admission to pursue a dual-title degree under this program, a student must apply to (1) the Graduate School and (2) one of the participating major graduate programs; and then subsequently to (3) the Microbiome Sciences program through the program head. Students may only apply to the dual-title program once they have been enrolled in a major program. Once a student has been enrolled in a major program, application to the dual-title degree program can occur immediately or at any time before the end of the fourth semester, not counting summer terms. The application for the dual-title degree program may be completed after the qualifying examination in the major program, as long as the application takes place before the end of the fourth semester. Graduate students with research and educational interests in Microbiome Sciences may apply to the Microbiome Sciences Dual-Title Degree Program. Candidates must submit to the program head transcripts of their undergraduate and graduate coursework, a written personal statement indicating their interests in the interdisciplinary arena of Microbiome Sciences and the career goals they hope to work toward by attaining a Microbiome Sciences dual-title. Their dissertation adviser, if assigned, must also be provided. A strong undergraduate preparation in the basic sciences is expected, with evidence of an interest in multiple disciplines.