A complete admission packet for the MA in Aging Studies graduate degree program includes the following:

1. A minimum of 2.75 grade point average.  
   Please note: A cumulative GPA of 2.75 does not automatically guarantee acceptance into the Aging Studies master’s degree program.
2. Two references:
   * For applicants who have graduated with a degree within the last 2 years, at least one reference letter must be submitted by an instructor and address academic performance and professional/personal character.
   * For applicants who have graduated with a degree more than 2 years ago, at least one reference letter must be submitted by a person in a professional supervisory capacity who had opportunity to evaluate performance and professional/personal character. The other letter can be submitted by an instructor to address academic performance and professional/personal character OR a person in a professional capacity who had opportunity to evaluate performance and professional/personal character in a current or recent professional career position.
   * Since the M.A. in Aging Studies Graduate Coordinator evaluates admission applications and renders admission decisions, references are to be requested from alternate individuals.
3. 1-2 page essay:

* Describe why you want to pursue a graduate degree in Aging Studies and why EIU/the M.A. in Aging Studies degree program aligns with your professional interests and career goals.
* Describe your academic and professional strengths and weaknesses and how you address your weaknesses.

1. Your official transcript.