

ADMISSION POLICIES
GRADUATE STUDENTS

The University will consider admission applications, dependent upon the availability of facilities and resources, from candidates who meet the criteria approved by the Council on Graduate Studies, the University President and the Board of Trustees, and published in the Eastern Illinois University [Graduate Catalog](#).

Except where otherwise noted, any student who holds a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and who wishes to enroll for course work must gain admission to the University through the Graduate School. Acceptance of applications and granting of admissions are subject to completion of the application process. Completed applications must be on file no later than ten calendar days preceding registration for the term in which the student wishes to enroll. Some applications require special deadlines and these are outlined in the Graduate Catalog or published at the program's web site. The EIU Graduate Catalog is the official source for specific requirements for graduate and post-baccalaureate admission categories.

Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs

- Admission to the Graduate School. Admission to the Graduate School is the first stage of admission for a degree or certificate applicant. To be eligible for admission to the Graduate School, applicants must have obtained a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution approved by Eastern Illinois University and achieved the minimum scholarly requirements outlined in the Graduate Catalog.
- Admission to a Degree or Certificate Program. Admission as a degree or certificate candidate is the second stage of graduate admission. Candidacy is granted only by an academic program. The requirements for candidacy of individual graduate and certificate programs are outlined in the Graduate Catalog.
- Admission as a Provisional Candidate. Provisional degree or certificate candidacy may be granted by a program to students who do not meet the minimum criteria established by the Graduate School, who do not meet the minimum criteria established by the program, or who do not have the required undergraduate preparation for degree or certificate candidacy. The Graduate School provisions and limitations are outlined in the Graduate Catalog.
- Admission for Applicants from Non-Accredited Institutions. Provisional degree or certificate admission may be granted by the Council on Graduate Studies to students who have not completed baccalaureate degrees from regionally accredited institutions recognized by Eastern Illinois University. The procedures and limitations are outlined in the Graduate Catalog.

Admission to Pursue a Second Bachelor's Degree or for Non-Degree Study Options

- Admission for a Second Bachelor's Degree. Admission to pursue an additional baccalaureate degree requires admission through the Graduate School. Students pursuing an additional baccalaureate degree are considered graduate students even though they are completing the requirements for an undergraduate degree program and are subject to regulations governing graduate study as outlined in the Graduate Catalog.
- Admission for Post- Baccalaureate Teacher Certification. Students seeking admission as post-baccalaureate, non-degree, teacher certification students are required to consult with the College of Education and Professional Studies before making a formal application for admission to the Graduate School. The consultation will provide information regarding the student's eligibility for admission to teacher education. Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the Graduate School in order to pursue the post-baccalaureate teacher certification options.
- Admission for Alternative Teacher Certification. Students seeking admission to the Alternative Teacher Certification Program are required to consult the coordinator of the program before making a formal application for admission to the Graduate School. Following consultation, students will receive application materials and may apply for admission to the Graduate School. Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the Graduate School in order to pursue alternative teacher certification options.
- Admission for Non-Degree Study. Students seeking post-baccalaureate courses for licensure, professional development, or personal goals, but who do not seek to complete the requirements for a degree, may request enrollment as non-degree students. In addition, applicants who were denied degree or provisional degree candidacy may enroll for course work as post-baccalaureate non-degree students. The Graduate Catalog summarizes the limitations for student who pursue non-degree study.

International Students. Applicants who are non-United States citizens or non-Permanent Resident Aliens are admitted through the Office of International Students and Scholars.

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