Graduate Studies Policy Changes, Fall 2019

Proposals for Changes in General Policies in the School of Graduate Studies

Item A: Proposal to Change GPA Policy for Graduate Assistantship Applications

[Applicants for Graduate Assistantships are required to have a GPA of 3.00 or higher (see here https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/assistantships.html and here https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/files/GAAppointmentForm.docx). This is taken to refer to the applicant's graduate GPA. Since newly matriculated graduate students have no graduate GPA, they are precluded from consideration. This issue will be discussed and a proposal to modify this policy was proposed.]
Passed unanimously Grad Studies Committee 11/7/2019

Requirements

All applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for the position:

- Matriculated in a Graduate program
- ~~Maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher~~
- Be registered **and in good academic standing** in the current semester
  - Full Time at least nine credits
  - Part Time at least three credits
- **In cases where GA's do not meet the Requirements, a department or division head may appeal to the School of Graduate Studies.**

Graduate Studies Policy Regarding GA Positions

- May not be employed by the university in any other employment category
- Full Time as well as Part Time GA's should not be engaged in significant employment outside of the university, or hold full time employment elsewhere or be engaged in a full time (20 hours) internship.
- GA's are expected to make a ~~full time commitment to graduate study~~ **significant commitment to their graduate studies.**

Proposals for Changes in Individual Programs

Item B: Admission Policy Change for the MS in Nursing, Hospice & Palliative Care Program
The Department of Nursing proposes changing the cohort matriculation semester and the application deadline.
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[Program Name MSN Hospice & Palliative Care_____
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Submission Date September 12, 2019_____

1. *Nature of request Policy change for start date*
2. *Date voted on by department/program faculty September 5, 2019*
3. *Rationale for proposed change Cohorts 1, 2, 3 have all started with the Fall semester, student feedback has been to start in Fall semester rather than summer*
4. *Exact wording that will go into the online Graduate Catalog]*

The Application Process:

1. Applicants must submit a completed application for admission to graduate study as well as official transcripts from all institutions where undergraduate and graduate work has been done to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

2. Applicants must ~~also have submitted a narrative statement to the Department Chair~~ **submit a narrative statement** describing their professional goals as well as any educational or professional experiences that may assist the department's admissions committee in reviewing the application.

3. Applicants must also ~~have to~~ submit contact information for two references, one from an academic/professional source and one from a nursing employer who can specify length of time and direct responsibilities of the applicant in an RN nursing position.

4. Applicants must have a grade of C+ or higher in an undergraduate statistics course.

5. ~~The application deadline for the Summer term is March 1.~~ **The application deadline for the Fall term is August 1.**

6. Instructions for ~~uploading~~ **submitting** the narrative and references can be found within the online graduate application."

The School of Business will offer a new Official Certificate Program; its admission policy is displayed in Appendix D.
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Official Certificate Program in Business Leadership
Admission Requirements

Program Description

Central Connecticut State University is offering a timely program designed for today's business professionals. This graduate-level certificate intended for emerging leaders, supervisors, and managers of all levels. Both experienced and inexperienced managers and supervisors will gain a comprehensive perspective of this program. The program focuses on developing the skills required to progress into competent business leaders.

Academic Rationale

This program will provide a rigorous certificate that can be paired with a bachelors or as an add-on to an existing business specialization in the MBA.

Demand Rationale

This program has been requested by local organizations (e.g., COCC) so they can develop business leaders from their current employees.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (or the international equivalent) with an overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.70 or higher. No GMAT is required. Applicants with a GPA between 2.40 and 2.69 may be considered for conditional admission. ~~GPA requirement may be waived for those with substantial work experience or with an advanced degree in another discipline.~~

> ~~Items to submit to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office:~~
> ~~• Online Graduate Application~~
> ~~• Application fee~~
> ~~• Official transcripts from each institution attended (except CCSU)~~
> ~~• Current Resume~~

Application to the Certificate Program in Business Leadership includes online submission of the application, official transcripts, and an application fee; see http://www.ccsu.edu/grad/admission/. In addition, submit a current resume. Instructions for uploading the resume will be found within the online graduate application.

International Students
In addition to the above, international applicants must meet University standards for international admission including submission of:
- Unless waived by the University, TOEFL or IELTS scores;
- Course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials from a NACES member evaluation service; and
- Original translations of foreign academic records.