

## Graduate Studies Policy Changes, Spring 2022

### I. Proposals for Changes in General Policies in the School of Graduate Studies

#### 1. Update to Accelerate Central language:

- Standard deadline is Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – if program already exists with a different application deadline, they have the option to change it to Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- Eligibility Change the 30 credits in residence to “at least 12 credits at CCSU”
- Changed wording from residence to CCSU

*Passed unanimously by the Graduate Studies Committee February 2022*

### II. Proposals for Changes in Individual Graduate Programs

#### A. Admission Policies for the Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting, the Accelerated BS-Accounting/MBA Program, and the Accelerated BS-Finance/MBA Program

*Passed unanimously by the Graduate Studies Committee September 2021*

The School of Business has proposed three “Accelerate Central” programs for some of its Bachelor’s and Master’s Programs. See below for the Admission Policies.

#### **Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting**

##### **Eligibility:**

Students typically apply during their junior year of study and must meet the requirements specified below:

1. Have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.
2. Completed 60 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their junior year. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU
3. Admission to School of Business Accounting major.
4. Meet the MSA program admission criteria.

Eligible students can apply for admission to the **Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting** during their junior year of study. Selected students will be able to complete a B.S. in Accounting and a M.S.- Accounting in five years on a full-time basis.

For students who are officially admitted to the **Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting**, two three (3)-credit graduate Accounting courses will replace two three (3)-credit undergraduate Accounting elective courses.

Students who are accepted into **Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting** will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor’s degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor’s degree. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate

Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their bachelor's degree.

### **How to Apply**

Apply online to the School of Graduate Studies at <https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/>. Students will submit a current resume and one recommendation letter from a CCSU Accounting professor by March 1st of their junior year. Instruction for submitting the recommendation letter and for uploading the resume will be found within the online **Accelerated BS/MS Program in Accounting** application. CCSU transcripts will be obtained automatically by the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to this program to receive dedicated advising.

### **Accelerated B.S.- Accounting / MBA Program**

#### **Eligibility:**

Students typically apply during their junior year of study and must meet the requirements specified below:

1. Have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.
2. Completed 60 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their junior year.  
At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU
3. Admission to School of Business Accounting major.
4. Meet the MBA program admission criteria.

Eligible students can apply for admission to the **Accelerated B.S.- Accounting / MBA Program** their junior year of study. Selected students will be able to complete a B.S. in Accounting and a MBA in five years on a full-time basis

For students who are officially admitted to the **Accelerated B.S.- Accounting / MBA Program**, two three (3)-credit graduate Accounting courses will replace two three (3)-credit undergraduate Accounting elective courses.

Students who are accepted into **Accelerated B.S.- Accounting / MBA Program** will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor's degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor's degree. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their bachelor's degree.

### **How to Apply**

Apply online to the School of Graduate Studies at <https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/>. Students will submit a current resume and one recommendation letter from a CCSU Accounting professor by March 1st of their junior year. Instruction for submitting the recommendation letter and for uploading the resume will be found within the online **Accelerated B.S.- Accounting / MBA Program** application. CCSU transcripts will be obtained automatically by the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to this program to receive dedicated advising.

### **Accelerated B.S.- Finance / MBA Program**

#### **Eligibility:**

Students typically apply during their junior year of study and must meet the requirements specified below:

1. Have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.
2. Completed 60 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their junior year. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU
3. Admission to School of Business Finance major.
4. Meet the MBA program admission criteria.

Eligible students can apply for admission to the **Accelerated B.S.- Finance / MBA Program** their junior year of study. Selected students will be able to complete a B.S. in Finance and MBA in five years on a full-time basis

For students who are officially admitted to the **Accelerated B.S.- Finance / MBA Program**, two three (3)-credit graduate Finance courses will replace two three (3)-credit undergraduate Finance courses.

Students who are accepted into **Accelerated B.S.- Finance / MBA Program** will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor's degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor's degree. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their bachelor's degree.

#### **How to Apply**

Apply online to the School of Graduate Studies at <https://www.ccsu.edu/grad/>. Students will submit a current resume and one recommendation letter from a CCSU Finance professor by March 1st of their junior year. Instruction for submitting the recommendation letter and for uploading the resume will be found within the online **Accelerated B.S.- Finance / MBA Program** application. CCSU transcripts will be obtained automatically by the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to this program to receive dedicated advising.

### **B. Revision of the Admission Policy for the MS Program in Athletic Training**

***Passed unanimously at GSC October 2021***

Requirements of the Program's accrediting agency necessitate some changes in the current admissions policies, as noted below. The current catalog language to be deleted is struck out; new or replacement language is in red/bold/underline.

### Admissions Requirements:

There are 2 paths to gain admission to the MSAT. CCSU students enrolled in the 3+2 accelerated program can apply to the Master's Degree in Athletic Training in their junior year. Students who already hold a Bachelor's Degree, preferably in exercise science or a related field, apply directly to the MSAT. Candidates for admission will be considered on the basis of **based on** the following criteria:

- 1) Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.70, preferably a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (where A is 4.00)
- 2) A letter of application demonstrating a command of the English language which includes detailed reasons for wishing to pursue graduate study in athletic training
- 3) Two letters of recommendation, preferably one of which is from an instructor who can attest to the applicant's preparedness for graduate study in athletic training
- 4) Successful completion (C- or better) of the following courses, either the **specified** CCSU courses ~~specified~~ or their equivalents:

~~Two semesters (8 credits) of~~ **Human** Anatomy and Physiology with labs **(8 credits)**

- ([EXS 207](#), [EXS 208](#), [EXS 211](#), [EXS 212](#) or BIO/[BMS 318](#) and BIO/[BMS 319](#) at CCSU)

~~Kinesiology/Biomechanics~~ **Biomechanics/Kinesiology (3 credits)**

- ([EXS 216](#) at CCSU)

Human Nutrition **(3 credits)**

- ([EXS 307](#) or [BIO 401](#) at CCSU)

Exercise Physiology **(3 credits)**

- Exercise Physiology ([EXS 408](#) at CCSU)

**One course in each of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology (3 credits)**

- 5) EMT-B certification: National Registry

Instructions for uploading the letter of application, and for obtaining and submitting the letters of recommendation, will be found within the online application.

The application deadline for Summer admission is April 1.

C. Admission Policies for the Accelerated BS-Management/MBA Program  
*Passed unanimously by GSC November 2021*

The School of Business has proposed another “Accelerate Central” program for one of its Bachelor’s and Master’s Programs.

**Five Year Accelerated B.S.- Management / MBA Program**

Eligible students can apply for admission to the Five Year **Accelerated B.S.- Management / MBA Program** during their junior year of study. ~~Selected~~ **Full time** students ~~will~~ **may** be able to complete a BS- Management and MBA in 5 years. For accepted students, two ~~3 credits~~ **credit** Management graduate courses will replace two undergraduate Management courses. Students typically apply during their junior year of study and must meet the requirements specified below:

Have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Completed 60 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their junior year. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU.

Admission to School of Business Management major.

Meet the MBA program admission criteria.

Students who are accepted into Accelerated B.S.- Management / MBA Program will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor’s degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor’s degree. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their bachelor’s degree.

D. Item A: Proposed Admission Policies and Academic Standards for a New Accelerate Central Program Combining the BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering  
*Passed unanimously at GSC February 2022*

The Engineering Department is proposing a new five-year program (Accelerate Central) combining the BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering. As the BS program consists of 128-136 credits, the Department proposes that students are allowed to double-count three courses in the BS and MS programs.

The goals of this change are:

Increase enrollment in the MS Mechanical Engineering  
Provide students with additional opportunities for research

Exact wording that will go into Graduate Catalog  
Five Year Accelerated Program in Mechanical Engineering

Eligible Mechanical Engineering majors can apply in the second half of their junior year. Students admitted to this program may complete both the B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering in five years. Three graduate courses will double-count as courses in the General Concentration for a total of 9 credits double-counted. Students in this program will earn both degrees in 149 credits total, versus the 158 credits required to complete both degrees separately. At the time of application, students must have met all of the following criteria to be eligible:

Have completed ENGR 357, ME 345, ME 352, ME 354, and ME 367 with at least a 3.00 grade point average in those courses.

Have at least a cumulative 3.30 grade point average. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU.

How to apply: Students will submit the following by ~~February 20th~~ **February 10** (for fall) or October 1 (for spring)  
a resume

the name of two professors from the Mechanical Engineering department who could serve as references ~~to the Director of Graduate Studies~~

**Instructions for uploading the resume and reference information will be found in the online application.**

E. Item B: Item A: Proposed Admission Policy for the MS in Accounting

*Passed unanimously at GSC February 2022*

The Accounting Department proposes a change in the admission policy, eliminating Option One (completion of the online OCP in Accounting) for applicants to the MS in Accounting Program.

Current wording	Proposed (new) wording
<b>Program Rationale</b>	<b>Program Rationale</b>

The Master of Science in Accounting (MSA), will provide students with in-depth working knowledge of advanced accounting issues and emerging technologies that are most relevant in the current business environment. Graduates will be equipped to succeed in a wide range of professional accounting careers in public accounting, industry, and government in today's highly competitive, global, and regulated environment. In addition, this program will prepare students to meet the educational requirements of most or all states for CPA licensure.

### **MSA Admission Requirements**

An undergraduate degree in accounting is not required for admission to the MSA.

**Applicants with a bachelor's degree in accounting** must have received their degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (or the international equivalent). Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher and a GPA of 3.00 or higher in any post-baccalaureate coursework, may apply for full-time enrollment status (up to 3 or 4 courses per semester) or part-time (1 or 2 courses per semester). Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.70 to 2.99 may apply for conditional (part-time) admission. Conditionally admitted students may request full-time status after successful completion of six (6) credits into the program with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

**Applicants with a bachelor's degree other than in accounting** must have received their degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (or the international equivalent). This group of applicants have the following two options prior to beginning class in the MSA:

The Master of Science in Accounting (MSA), will provide students with in-depth working knowledge of advanced accounting issues and emerging technologies that are most relevant in the current business environment. Graduates will be equipped to succeed in a wide range of professional accounting careers in public accounting, industry, and government in today's highly competitive, global, and regulated environment. In addition, this program will prepare students to meet the educational requirements of most or all states for CPA licensure.

### **MSA Admission Requirements**

An undergraduate degree in accounting is not required for admission to the MSA.

**Applicants with a bachelor's degree in accounting** must have received their degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (or the international equivalent). Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher and a GPA of 3.00 or higher in any post-baccalaureate coursework, may apply for full-time enrollment status (up to 3 or 4 courses per semester) or part-time (1 or 2 courses per semester). Applicants with an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.70 to 2.99 may apply for conditional (part-time) admission. Conditionally admitted students may request full-time status after successful completion of six (6) credits into the program with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

**Applicants with a bachelor's degree other than in accounting** must have received their degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (or the international equivalent). This group of applicants have the following option prior to beginning class in the MSA:

Note: Successful completion of either **Option One** or **Option Two** is required before moving on to the MSA.

**Option One** - Completion of the online CCSU Official Certificate Program in Accounting (OCPA). For information about the OCPA, including admission requirements and how to apply, please visit the following links:  
<https://www2.ccsu.edu/program/OCPAccounting>  
<https://www2.ccsu.edu/apply/>

**Option Two** - Completion of pre-requisite foundational CCSU courses or their equivalent:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting ([AC 211](#))
- Introduction to Managerial Accounting ([AC 212](#))
- Intermediate Financial Accounting I ([AC 300](#))
- Intermediate Financial Accounting II ([AC 312](#))
- Intermediate Financial Accounting III ([AC 313](#)) or Advanced Financial Accounting ([AC 407](#))
- Cost Accounting ([AC 301](#))
- U.S. Federal Income Taxation ([AC 302](#))
- Accounting Information Systems ([AC 340](#))
- Auditing ([AC 445](#))

GPA admission requirements for **Option Two** are 2.70 or greater; however, a GPA of 3.0 or greater is required in the pre-requisite foundational CCSU coursework (or their equivalent) prior to moving on with coursework in the MSA program.

### To All Applicants

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to these programs. Decisions regarding applicants with equivalent coursework taken at CCSU will be made as if the applicant holds a CCSU BS in accounting; others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Note: Successful completion of the following foundational courses is required before moving on to the MSA.

Completion of pre-requisite foundational CCSU courses or their equivalent:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting (AC 211)
- Introduction to Managerial Accounting (AC 212)
- Intermediate Financial Accounting I (AC 300)
- Accounting Analytics & Professional Competencies (AC 335)
- Intermediate Financial Accounting II (AC 350)
- Intermediate Financial Accounting III (AC 400) or Advanced Accounting
- Cost Accounting (AC 301)
- U.S. Federal Income Taxation (AC 302)
- Accounting Information Systems (AC 340)
- Auditing (AC 445)

GPA admission requirements for this option are 2.70 or greater; however, a GPA of 3.0 or greater is required in the pre-requisite foundational CCSU coursework (or their equivalent) prior to moving on with coursework in the MSA program.

### To All Applicants

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to these programs. Decisions regarding applicants with equivalent coursework taken at CCSU will be made as if the applicant holds a CCSU BS in accounting; others will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



<p><b>Items to submit to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online graduate application</li> <li>• Application fee</li> <li>• Official transcripts from each institution attended (except CCSU)</li> <li>• Current resume</li> <li>• Proof of professional license/designation (e.g., CPA, CMA, CIA, CISA, CFE, CFA) or advanced degree (e.g., JD, Masters or Doctoral) or state CPA or Bar exam scores, if applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Instructions for uploading a resume and proof of licenses/designations or exam scores (if applicable) can be found in the online graduate application at the following link:  <a href="https://www.ccsu.edu/accounting/msa/">https://www.ccsu.edu/accounting/msa/</a></p> <p><b>International Students</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, international applicants must meet University standards for international admission including submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL or IELTS scores</li> <li>• Course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials from a NACES member evaluation service</li> <li>• Original translations of foreign academic records</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditional Admission</b></p> <p>If conditionally admitted, students may take a maximum of six (6) credits per semester and must maintain a minimum GPA in the program of 3.00. Based on review after six (6) credits in the MSA program and a GPA of 3.00, students may be considered for a change in status from conditional admission to full admission.</p>	<p><b>Items to submit to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online graduate application</li> <li>• Application fee</li> <li>• Official transcripts from each institution attended (except CCSU)</li> <li>• Current resume</li> <li>• Proof of professional license/designation (e.g., CPA, CMA, CIA, CISA, CFE, CFA) or advanced degree (e.g., JD, Masters or Doctoral) or state CPA or Bar exam scores, if applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Instructions for uploading a resume and proof of licenses/designations or exam scores (if applicable) can be found in the online graduate application at the following link:  <a href="https://www.ccsu.edu/accounting/msa/">https://www.ccsu.edu/accounting/msa/</a></p> <p><b>International Students</b></p> <p>In addition to the above, international applicants must meet University standards for international admission including submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL or IELTS scores</li> <li>• Course-by-course evaluation of foreign credentials from a NACES member evaluation service</li> <li>• Original translations of foreign academic records</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditional Admission</b></p> <p>If conditionally admitted, students may take a maximum of six (6) credits per semester and must maintain a minimum GPA in the program of 3.00. Based on review after six (6) credits in the MSA program and a GPA of 3.00, students may be considered for a change in status from conditional admission to full admission.</p>
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F. Item D: Proposed Admission Policies and Academic Standards for a New Accelerate Central Program Combining the BA and MA in English

### *Passed unanimously at GSC February 2022*

The English department proposes an Accelerate Central program that would allow qualified students to complete a BA and MA in English in 5 years.

#### Rationale:

The department has received queries from multiple students as well as Central leadership requesting an accelerated option to earning a B.A. and M.A. It is the department's belief that this option will attract motivated, high-caliber students. If properly advertised, this option will increase enrollment in both our undergraduate and graduate programs and increase completion rates of students in our graduate program. For strong undergraduates the chance to complete two credentials with only one additional year of attendance is both an academic and a financial benefit.

#### Catalog wording

##### Five Year Accelerate Program in English

The Accelerate Program gives eligible, full-time English majors the opportunity to complete a BA and MA in English in 5 years. Two graduate courses will double-count as 300-level undergraduate courses for a total of 6 credits double-counted. Students who successfully complete this program will earn both degrees in 144 credits total, versus the 150 credits required to complete both degrees separately, a savings of both time and money.

At the time of application, students must have met the following criteria to be eligible:

Have completed 60 or more credit hours, **at least 12 of which must have been earned at CCSU, including at least 6 credits of ENG courses, one of which must be ENG 398 passed with a B or better.**

Have at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Have at least a 3.3 grade point average in English courses.

Note: After acceptance, students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average to remain in the Accelerate Central program.

#### How to apply

Students meeting all the admissions criteria will submit the following by February 10th.

A letter of application detailing reasons for wishing to pursue graduate study in English that also provides the names of two professors from the English department at CCSU who could serve as references to the Director of Graduate Studies.

A writing sample of 7-10 pages showcasing the applicant's strongest analytical or critical writing about literature. Work written for previous courses is acceptable (indeed encouraged), but "creative" pieces (poetry, fiction, or memoir) are not appropriate.

G. Admission Policies and Academic Standards for a New Accelerate Central Program Combining the BA and MA in Psychological Science

**Passed unanimously at GSC March 2022**

The Department of Psychological Science believes that this option will attract motivated, high-caliber students and allow its programs to remain competitive. If properly advertised, this option will increase enrollment in both the undergraduate and graduate programs and increase completion rates of students in the graduate program.

**Admission Policies**

Eligible students can apply for admission to the Five Year Accelerated B.A./M.A. in the Spring of their third year of full-time study. Selected students ~~will~~ **may** be able to complete a B.A. in Psychological Science and a M.A. in Psychology in as few as 5 years **of full time study**. For accepted students, three graduate courses will double-count as three undergraduate Psychological Science elective courses. In addition, students will take a fourth graduate course during their final undergraduate year. Students apply in the Spring of their third year of full-time study and must meet the requirements specified below:

- a) Completed 83 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their third year of full-time study. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU.
- b) Completed PSY 301 and 302 (research methods) with at least a B.  
**\*Students who have completed PSY 301 but still need to complete PSY 302 may be conditionally admitted. Students that earn lower than a B in PSY 302 will not meet the qualifications for the accelerate graduate program and will be dismissed.**
- c) Have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average.
- d) Have at least a 3.00 grade point average in Psychological Science courses.

How to apply: Students will submit the following by February 10:

- a personal statement\*
- one recommendation letter from a CCSU Psychology

Instructions for uploading the personal statement and recommendation letter will be found in the online application.

Note: After acceptance, students must maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average.

\*The personal statement should present the applicant's professional goals, and any specific experiences that helped prepare applicants for the MA Psychology program, such as relevant employment, research or training, internships, etc.

#### H. Admission Policies for a new OCP in Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care

##### **Passed unanimously at GSC March 2022**

The Certificate of Hospice and Palliative Care is a component of the MSN program in Hospice and Palliative Care. This certificate will provide 12 credits of nursing courses to enhance the knowledge base of graduate level prepared advanced practice prepared (APRNs) nurses who deliver direct care, participate on interdisciplinary care teams, and/or have oversight of the care delivered by direct care nurses/teams for end-of-life and palliative care patients and their support person(s).

The certificate will be awarded to students upon completion of 12 credits of coursework.

There will be one required course: NRSE 501 Theory of Hospice & Palliative Care (3 credits).

The students will be able to choose from the following courses for the remaining 9 credits:

NRSE 502: Global Policy & Ethical Issues in Hospice & Palliative Care (3 credits)

NRSE 503: Nursing Leadership, Management, and Inter-Professional Collaboration (3 credits)

NRSE 504: Emerging Best Practices and Research in Hospice & Palliative Care (3 credits)

NRSE 505: Comparative Domestic Delivery Systems & Informatics (3 credits)

*Academic Rationale:* Hospice and Palliative Care is a specialized form of nursing and could assist in the advanced practice of providing nursing care to end-of-life clients and their support persons. Post-master's certificates in nursing are becoming more common, as there is recognition and support for extending the knowledge of advanced practice nurses beyond the specialty focus of their initial graduate degree specialization.

*Demand Rationale:* Graduate programs in nursing until very recently have not included the concepts of end-of-life care/palliative care in their curriculum, so most graduate level/advanced practice nurses are not specialized in Hospice and Palliative Care, and this certificate could allow them the specialized training without the expense of completing another advanced degree. The Program Coordinators for the MSN program have received feedback from prospective students looking for this option.

**Admission Standards:** The program admission process will be exactly the same as the students applying to the program to complete the MSN (see below). Applicants must provide proof of an active nursing license, transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate level credits. The same GPA requirements and conditional acceptance standards will apply (see page 3)

##### **Admission Requirements:**

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree (BSN in Nursing preferred) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and have their RN license. Applicants must also have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.70 on a 4.00 point scale (where A is 4.00), or its equivalent, and good standing (3.00 GPA) in all post-baccalaureate course work.

##### **Conditional Admissions:**

An applicant for this Master's Program who does not meet regular admissions standards but has an undergraduate GPA between 2.50 and 2.69 may be considered for conditional admission. The conditional admission program is an arrangement allowing a student to demonstrate successful performance during their first semester in the graduate program.

**The Application Process:**

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.

Applicants must 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.

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

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

The application deadline for the Fall term is August 1.

Instructions for submitting the narrative and references can be found within the online graduate application.

I. Admission Policies and Academic Standards for a New Accelerate Central Program Combining the BS in Marketing and the MBA Program

**Passed unanimously at GSC March 2022**

The following admission policies are proposed:

Five Year Accelerated B.S.- Marketing / MBA Program

Eligible students can apply for admission to the Five Year Accelerated B.S.-Marketing / MBA Program during their junior year of study. Full time students may be able to complete a BS-Marketing and MBA in 5 years. For accepted students, two 3 credit Marketing graduate courses will replace two undergraduate Marketing courses. Students typically apply during their junior year of study and must meet the requirements specified below:

Have at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average.

Completed 60 earned credit hours by the end of the Fall semester of their junior year. At least 30 credits must have been earned at CCSU.

Admission to School of Business Marketing major.

Meet the MBA program admission criteria.

Students who are accepted into Accelerated B.S.-Marketing/ MBA Program will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor's degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor's degree. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their bachelor's degree

#### How to Apply

Apply online to the School of Graduate Studies at <https://apply.ccsu.edu/apply/>. Students will submit a current resume and one recommendation letter from a CCSU Marketing professor by March 1<sup>st</sup> of their junior year. Instruction for submitting the recommendation letter and for uploading the resume will be found within the online Accelerated B.S.- Marketing / MBA Program application. CCSU transcripts will be obtained automatically by the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office.

It is highly recommended to apply early for admission to this program to receive dedicated advising.

J. Modification of the Admission Policy for the EdD in Educational Leadership Program

Passed unanimously at GSC March 2022

The program would like to eliminate the GRE requirement for admission to the EdD in Educational Leadership. This would apply to both the P12 and Higher Education strands.

There are two reasons for proposing this change:

1. The GRE admissions requirement has consistently become more of an admissions barrier for Ed.D. applicants with each admissions cycle. In our most recent Fall 2022 admissions cycle, approximately half of the 20 admitted students noted this as a barrier, citing the following reasons: 1) the cost of taking the exam, 2) the difficulty in scheduling the exam, and 3) significant test anxiety given their lengthy time away from coursework (most often noting mathematics). This almost caused four accepted students not to follow through with their applications. It is likely that other prospects never made contact or applied due to the requirement being listed.
2. We are consistently finding little predictive value in the GRE results in relationship to students' potential for success in the program.

**Admissions Requirements:**

To be considered for admission to the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, applicants must have earned a master's degree in an appropriate discipline or professional field and have career aspirations that are consistent to the goals and standards of the program.

Applications to the P12 strand are accepted each fall, with cohort courses beginning the following summer. Applications to the Higher Education strand are accepted in the fall of odd numbered years (e.g., 2021, 2023), with cohort courses beginning the following summer. The deadline for submission of applications is November 1.

The following minimum criteria have been established for admission into either strand of the Ed.D. program:

1. Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in a discipline or professional field that is relevant to the Ed.D. Program.
2. Minimum GPA 3.00 on all graduate coursework.
3. Two letters of reference from leaders in education familiar with the applicant's work.
4. Submission of a resume that illustrates work-related experiences.
5. ~~Graduate Record Examination scores (within five years of admission).~~
6. A personal statement covering three important topics:
  - a. Career goals
  - b. Reasons for pursuing the Ed. D. in Educational Leadership at CCSU

- c. Ability and commitment to devote the required time for courses and dissertation research to complete the program in a timely manner
- 7. If selected as a finalist, a satisfactory interview with an admission panel.
- 8. PreK-12 strand only: An additional requirement is completion of [EDL 590](#) Leaders as Learners or an equivalent graduate-level introductory course. Applicants holding the 092 or 093 administrative certificate, or that have completed a Sixth Year certificate program in educational leadership, are considered to have met this requirement.
- 9. Instructions for uploading the references, resume, ~~copies of GRE scores~~, and personal statement will be found within the online graduate application.

Application information and links for each Ed.D. strand are available through the Ed.D. program website. Admission decisions are made by a faculty admissions committee. University administrators may also participate on the admissions committee for the Higher Education Strand. Admission is competitive and there may be occasions when minimally qualified candidates are not able to be admitted due to cohort size limitations. Applications are due by November 1.



K. Proposed Modification of the Admission Policy for the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

**Passed unanimously at GSC March 2022**

Rationale for proposal to remove EMT from the Admission requirements:

Students applying to the MSAT program from other institutions typically do not have an EMT course as part of their UG curriculum (CCSU Exercise Science does). They would have to find an EMT course and get certified by the start of the MSAT program in late May. Prospective students typically do not reach out to us until the end of fall semester/beginning of spring semester of their Senior year in college. This leaves very little time to find, take, and complete an EMT course before the May start of the MSAT program. The accrediting agency does not allow students to begin any MSAT programs if those students have not completed all of the admission/prerequisite requirements. Students cannot begin MSAT coursework if they are “in progress” in a course. Removing the EMT as an admission requirement (keeping it as a program requirement) will remove a barrier for admission and keep us in line with other competing MSAT programs that don’t have EMT as an admission requirement.

**Admissions Requirements:**

There are 2 paths to gain admission to the MSAT. CCSU students enrolled in the 3+2 accelerated program can apply to the Master’s Degree in Athletic Training in their junior year. Students who already hold a Bachelor’s Degree, preferably in exercise science or a related field, apply directly to the MSAT. Candidates for admission will be considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1) Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.70, preferably a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (where A is 4.00)
- 2) A letter of application demonstrating a command of the English language which includes detailed reasons for wishing to pursue graduate study in athletic training
- 3) Two letters of recommendation, preferably one of which is from an instructor who can attest to the applicant’s preparedness for graduate study in athletic training
- 4) Successful completion (C- or better) of the following courses, either the CCSU courses specified or their equivalents:
  - a. Two semesters (8 credits) of Anatomy and Physiology with labs (EXS 207, EXS 208, EXS 211, EXS 212 or BIO/BMS 318 and BIO/BMS 319 at CCSU)
  - b. Kinesiology/Biomechanics (EXS 216 at CCSU)
  - c. Human Nutrition (EXS 307 or BIO 401 at CCSU)
  - d. Exercise Physiology (EXS 408 at CCSU)

~~5) EMT-B certification: National Registry~~

Instructions for uploading the letter of application, and for obtaining and submitting the letters of recommendation, will be found within the online application.

The application deadline for Summer admission is April 1.