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Admission Criteria

Westminster's graduate programs welcome applications from prospective students who are committed to active learning, respect for diverse people and perspectives, collaboration and teamwork, personal and social responsibility, college-wide excellence, and high ethical standards. Program faculty and the Graduate Admission Committees carefully consider applications using a holistic approach to its review. When evaluating an application file, factors such as prior academic experience, writing ability, references, interpersonal skills, maturity and professional fitness are considered. Individuals are admitted without discrimination to race, color, nationality, creed, sex, sexual orientation, physical handicaps, or veteran status.

Admission Process

Prospective students who wish to enter a degree, certificate, or endorsement program at Westminster College are required to submit a completed application for admission. Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree earned from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or the international equivalent. Please see required application materials by graduate program listed below. Details of graduate application requirements can also be found online. All materials submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office become the property of the college and cannot be returned to the student or sent to another school. For important application dates and events scheduled for prospective graduate students at Westminster, please contact Graduate Admissions at 801.832.2200 or 800.748.4753. Send e-mail inquiries to gradadmissions@westminstercollege.edu.

Readmission of Former Students

Students who wish to register at the college after an absence of three or more academic semesters (including Summer semester) must apply for readmission through the Office of Graduate Admissions. Re-entering students are subject to the academic requirements in effect at the time of their re-entry. Westminster College makes every effort to honor coursework taken in previous years; however, due to curriculum changes, this cannot be guaranteed. Previous coursework in question must be reviewed by individual academic departments with a final agreement submitted in writing to the Registrar's Office. Students readmitted after three or more semesters will be expected to meet program requirements for the catalog in effect at the time of readmission. This includes program cost of tuition and fees at the time of readmission. In accordance with the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, Westminster College will readmit veterans at the same academic status in which they left the institution, provided the veteran notifies the college in advance of their deployments and are not absent from the institution for more than five years, cumulatively. Those students who fail to provide advance notice may re-enroll after providing proof of service.

International Students

The college accepts and enrolls students who are citizens of countries other than the United States. Full-time international students are issued Forms I–20 to enable them to apply for student visas.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for graduate enrollment at the college, international students must hold the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree and meet all admissions requirements for the graduate program of study. International students must submit the following materials to the Office of Admissions:

1. Complete Westminster College Graduate Admissions Application and $50 application fee
2. Official transcripts, academic records, diplomas, national examination results, certificates or degrees received from accredited post-secondary institution, university and/or professional schools and any necessary translations. These transcripts should be submitted directly to an approved professional evaluation service (www.wes.org or other Westminster approved service).
3. Evidence of adequate financial support to cover the total cost of attendance for two semesters. This most commonly comes in the form of a certified bank statement or bank letter as well as a Statement of Financial Responsibility as issued by Westminster College.
4. Any other requirements including exams, recommendations, and additional supporting documents required by the individual graduate programs.

Once all required documentation has been received and the student has been accepted for admission, a Form I–20 will be sent to the student. All materials submitted to the Graduate Admissions Office become the property of the college and cannot be returned to the student or sent to another school. If the student's school or ministry of education issues only one copy of post-secondary school grades or examination scores, the Office of Graduate Admissions will make a certified copy and return the original to the student; however, in all cases copies must be made from originals. Duplicated copies will not be accepted.

English Proficiency Policy

English proficiency exam results are required for international student applications. Minimum scores for admission are as follows:

English Proficiency Exam Results:			
Graduate: Test	**Full Admit**	**Conditional**	**Notes**
TOEFL IBT	92	84 (if approved)	Reading and Writing: 20 (18 Provisional)
IELTS	7.5	7	
PTE	68	62	
CEFR	C1	B2	Case by case

Exceptions:

Citizens or permanent residents of the following countries are not required to complete an English proficiency exam: Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and/or United States. In addition, students who have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree at an institution in one of these countries also do not need to submit an English proficiency exam.

Westminster's graduate application can be found online.