

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Full Admission

Admission to any graduate degree program is subject to approval by the dean of the Graduate School, based on the recommendation of the respective department overseeing the proposed course of study. Full admission is granted to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Attainment of conditional admission status to the Graduate School at A&M–Central Texas.
- Acceptance into a specific graduate program of interest.
- Submission of a current degree plan on file.
- Fulfillment of any additional program-specific requirements required for full admission.

Conditional admission may be granted by the Graduate School until full admission criteria are met. For details regarding specific graduate program admission requirements, please contact the graduate program coordinator via the Graduate School.

Full admission status allows graduate students to enroll in maximum course loads or lower, based on their preferences. However, students are encouraged to take a manageable course load to facilitate retention of learned skills. If pursuing a full course load, students are advised not to work full-time.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission is granted to applicants who meet the following requirements:

- For current A&M–Central Texas undergraduates: Completion of the Quick Admissions application.
- For new students: Submission of a completed application via ApplyTexas (<https://applytexas.org/>).
- Possession of a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited U.S. institution or an equivalent foreign institution.
- For applicants with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99: Students will be limited to 12 semester credit hours (SCH) of graduate coursework. If they maintain a 3.0 GPA in this coursework, they may be fully admitted and allowed to continue. If a student's GPA falls below 3.0 after completing 12 SCH, they will be dismissed from the program.
- Proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination for students aged 21 and under.
- Applicants with a GPA below 2.5 on the last 60 credit hours (including all courses in the semester where the 60th hour occurs) will not be admitted. These students are encouraged to improve their GPA through post-baccalaureate or non-degree-seeking (NDS) options before reapplying.

Once a conditionally admitted student has met all requirements, the graduate program coordinator will notify them of their full admission status. Conditional admission is intended for one semester only.

Conditional Admission – Requirements Not Met

Applicants who cannot provide official admission documents at the time of enrollment due to circumstances beyond their control may receive Conditional Admission – Requirements Not Met status for one semester, pending receipt of required documents. If all official documents are not submitted within the first semester, the student will not be allowed to continue until the documents are on file.

Students admitted under conditional status may enroll in full course loads or lower but are encouraged to take a manageable number of courses to ensure academic success.

Program Entry Requirements

Several graduate degree programs at A&M–Central Texas have program-specific entry requirements in addition to general university admission. Students admitted to the university may enroll in certain coursework before official program entry, depending on department policies. The number of courses allowed prior to program entry may vary.

For details on program-specific entry requirements, refer to the Graduate Programs section of the catalog or contact the relevant graduate program coordinator.

Other Categories of Admission

Provisional Admission (A&M–Central Texas Undergraduates Only)

Undergraduate students enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at A&M–Central Texas may qualify for provisional admission to the Graduate School if they meet the following requirements:

- Must be within 12 credit hours of completing a bachelor's degree.
- Must submit a completed Graduate Provisional Form.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 credit hours (including all courses in the semester where the 60th hour occurs) of undergraduate coursework.

Provisional admission allows students to take up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework, with a limit of 6 credit hours per semester. However, these graduate courses cannot be applied toward an undergraduate degree.

Provisional students must complete the Quick Admissions Application and meet all university admission requirements for full admission to the Graduate School. They are subject to all graduate student policies and regulations.

Post-Baccalaureate Student

Post-baccalaureate admission is available for students needing to improve their GPA before applying to the Graduate School. These students:

- Must meet the same academic progress standards as undergraduates.
- Are subject to the same probation and suspension policies as undergraduate students.

This option provides an opportunity to raise their GPA before seeking full graduate admission.

Non-Degree-Seeking (NDS) Graduate Student

Applicants who do not intend to pursue a graduate degree but hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution may enroll in graduate coursework as non-degree-seeking (NDS) students. This option also benefits students looking to enhance their GPA before applying to a graduate program.

NDS Admission Requirements:

- No requirement to submit GRE or GMAT scores.
- Must provide official transcripts verifying a bachelor's degree or higher and good academic standing at the last attended institution.
- May complete up to 18 credit hours of coursework.

Limitations of NDS Status:

- A maximum of 12 credit hours earned in NDS status may be applied to a graduate degree.
- There is no guarantee that NDS coursework will count toward degree requirements upon later admission to a graduate program.
- Transfer of NDS graduate courses is evaluated on an individual basis.