

Modifications to *Graduate Catalog 2003-2005*

The following modifications have been approved for the *2003-2005 Graduate Catalog*. Please note that changes or additions are indicated in **bold** type.

Admissions Requirements

Department: Educational Administration
Major: Administration and Supervision
Degree: Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)
Effective Date: Fall 2003

Page: 85, item #3 under Admission Requirements for Ed. S. should now read:

3. A minimum of 3.25 is required on the last graduate degree. **(If the graduate degree is not in educational administration, or a related area, the student will be required to have a total of nine (9) hours of prerequisites in educational administration at the master's level.)**

The admissions committee will review and weigh the entire academic and professional record in making the admission decision. Equal weight will be given to (a) previous graduate GPA and (b) GRE or MAT scores. Applicants whose standardized test scores are below those normally expected for admission, which may result in their admission being denied, will be given further consideration or admission to the Ed.S program if the student provides the following: (a) an acceptable work record (a resume or curriculum vita), and (b) three (3) written recommendations indicating probable success in the program, and (c) a writing sample that will be scheduled through the department.

The above variables will be weighed to determine the applicant's overall potential for success in the program as compared to other applicants in the admissions cycle.

Department: Educational Administration
Major: Administration and Supervision
Degree: Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Effective Date: Fall 2003

Page: 86, under Admission Requirements, the following paragraph should be added:

The admissions committee will review and weigh the entire academic and professional record in making the admission decision. Equal weight will be given to (a) previous graduate GPA and (b) GRE

or MAT scores. Applicants whose standardized test scores are below those normally expected for admission, which may result in their admission being denied, will be given further consideration for admission to the M.Ed. program if the student provides the following: (a) an acceptable work record (a resume or curriculum vita), and (b) three (3) written recommendations indicating probable success in the program, and (c) a writing sample that will be scheduled through the department.

The above variables will be weighed to determine the applicant's overall potential for success in the program as compared to other applicants in the admissions cycle.

Department: Biological Sciences
Major: Biology
Degree: Master of Science (M.S.)
Effective Date: Fall 2003

Page: 37, under Admission Requirements M.S. Program, should be modified to read:

Unconditional admission to the M.S. program requires the applicant to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university, **a minimal score of 1250 calculated from the GPA multiplied by 200 and added to the GRE combined verbal and quantitative scores, two letters of recommendation and a personal statement.** Also required is that the student have accumulated a minimum of 24 acceptable semester hours in biology plus a minimum of four semester hours of biochemistry. **The Departmental Admissions Committee will base admission upon these materials and additionally, will evaluate the applicant's science course GPA and may request a personal interview to determine the applicant's potential for success in the program.** Conditional admission may be **granted** to applicants who have not completed 24 semester hours of biology and four semester hours of biochemistry, but the student must complete these courses **with a GPA of 3.0 or better** to gain unconditional admission to the M.S. program.

Department: Biological Sciences
Major: Biological Sciences
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Effective Date: Fall 2003

Page: 38, under Admission Requirement Ph.D. Program, should be modified to read:

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must submit a completed application form, a personal statement **describing interest in the program and professional goals**, and three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicants' academic work, especially in Biology. The Departmental admissions committee will base admission upon these materials and interviews with selected applicants. Admission requires the applicant to have a bachelor's degree from a fully accredited four-year college or university, **a minimal score of 1370 calculated from the GPA multiplied by 200 and added to the GRE combined verbal and quantitative scores** and a minimum score of 600 on the GRE subject test in Biology. Students may also be admitted with GRE subject test scores below 600, but such students must take the Departmental diagnostic examination. The admissions committee will evaluate the performance on this examination and design a curriculum to eliminate identified weaknesses. After passing the recommended courses with a grade of B or better in each, the student will begin the Ph.D. curriculum.