



ADMISSIONS

The following general admission standards apply to all graduate programs.

1. A completed application form and non-refundable fee filed with the Graduate School office.
2. A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree with grades of merit in an arts and sciences major or a major appropriate to the degree sought, from an accredited college or university.
3. Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
4. Three completed "Reference for Graduate Admission" forms.
5. Official copy of scores from either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) taken within the past five years, unless a master's degree has been awarded.
6. All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language in addition to scores from GRE, GMAT or MAT.
7. A 500-1,000 word, type-written, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions: What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College? What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them? Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee to evaluate your application?

Master of Business Administration

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. Three letters of recommendation substantiating undergraduate/graduate achievement and evaluating professional job performance and competence.
3. Personal interview.
4. An educational and professional resume reflecting the applicant's business/management/work experience.
5. Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) within the past five years.

Master of Science in Nursing

1. Although a baccalaureate degree in nursing is desirable, a current RN license and a baccalaureate degree in another field is acceptable. Two years of work experience in the field of nursing is recommended.
2. An overall minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 is required.
3. Submission of recent scores (within the past five years) demonstrating satisfactory performance on admission examination (e.g., GRE, GMAT, MAT). Students who do not demonstrate satisfactory performance will be asked to retake the admission exam. Students whose GPA is below 3.0 and whose scores are unacceptable after retake may be offered the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to do



successful graduate work by taking two coordinator approved courses and earning a grade of B or better in each. Students holding a previous master's degree are exempt from the GRE's or MAT's.

4. Current license to practice professional nursing; evidence of licensure in Massachusetts.
5. Successful completion of a course in basic statistics.
6. A brief but careful statement regarding reasons for wanting to do graduate study in nursing, specific interests and experiences in the field, and career plans.
7. A personal interview with a member of the Graduate Committee in Nursing.

RN/MSN

This program is designed for Registered Nurses that have not completed the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration

Candidates for this program are required to meet the general admissions requirements as well as the specific admission requirements of both the MBA and MSN programs.

Master of Social Work

Applicants may be admitted to the School of Social Work for one of the following program options:

General Admission:	
2 Year Plan (Full Time)	2 Academic Years
3 Year Plan (Extended Time)	3 Academic Years, 2 Summers
4 Year Plan (Extended Time)	4 Academic Years
Advanced Standing Admission:	
Full Time	1 Summer, 1 Academic Year
Extended Time	1 Summer, 2 Academic Years

Students applying to the General Admission Plans will be admitted only in the Fall. Entry into the Advanced Standing Plan is possible only in the Summer. The School of Social Work must receive all application materials, including reference letters, by February 15 of each year for Fall admittance and January 1 of each year for Summer admittance into the Advanced Standing Program.

For admission to graduate study, an applicant must have the following:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. A broad liberal arts background with substantial preparation in the social and/or behavioral sciences.
3. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) or a 3.0 for the last two years of undergraduate study. Ordinarily, applicants with less than these grade requirements will not be considered without a period of successful performance in post-bachelor's human service employment.
4. Satisfactory performance on the verbal and quantitative sections of the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination or the Miller Analogies Test within the past five years.



Advanced Standing Admissions

A small number of applicants with a BSW and paid social work experience will be admitted to the Advanced Standing Program. All accepted applicants (Full Time and Extended Time) begin their program of study in May. During the summer session between May and August, Advanced Standing students must complete two required courses which typically meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. In addition to these courses, Advanced Standing students spend 16 hours per week during the summer in a field placement. In September, students enter the concentration curriculum as described in the Program of Study.

In addition to the basic admissions requirements described above, the following requirements apply to all Advanced Standing applicants:

1. A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from an undergraduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
2. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) and 3.0 in the Social Work major courses.
3. Either three years pre-BSW or one year post-BSW supervised, paid experience in a human services agency.
4. An interview with the Admissions Committee.

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education

1. A Master's degree from an accredited program.
2. An overall grade point average of 3.0 in Master's program.
3. An Educator License.

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is a computer-based test that measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical reasoning skills. To determine the most convenient test location or to register for the GRE, call 800-473-2255 or go to www.gre.org.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST

The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is administered twice a week during the Fall and Spring semesters and once a week during Wintersession and Summer sessions. The test consists of 100 analogies that must be completed in 50 minutes. Two of the following ID's must be brought on the day of the test: driver's license, social security card, passport, birth certificate or marriage license. If you are retaking the test, you must bring the score sheet from your original test in order to be permitted to sit for the retake. To register for the test at Salem State College, call 978-542-6147. For those who live outside of the Salem area, call 800-622-3231 for alternate testing sites.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ADMISSIONS TEST

The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is required of all Master of Business Administration program applicants. Tests are administered at designated centers several times a year. Current applications and test dates are available in the Graduate School Office or go to www.gmat.org.