

Admission to Graduate Programs

Outlined below are specific admissions criteria for the graduate programs at GVSU. Students must meet both university-wide admissions requirements, as well as the specific requirements set forth by the degree programs.

Admission to the Master of Science in Accounting

- Satisfactory GMAT score.
- Satisfactory undergraduate GPA.
- Personal statement.

Admission to the Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics

- A personal statement—a statement about your reasons for pursuing this program of study, your learning objectives in the program, and your career goals when you complete the program.
- A writing sample—a substantive piece of writing, no less than three full pages (1500-1700 words), which demonstrates your academic writing ability. It could be a past paper you wrote for an undergraduate or graduate course.
- Two letters of recommendation from your former professors or supervisor in a relevant field who can testify to your potential as a graduate student in this program.
- GRE (General) score if the applicant's undergraduate GPA in the major, or graduate GPA, is below 3.0.

Admission to the Master of Athletic Training

- Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Master of Athletic Training (MAT) program utilizes the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS) for the application process. Please refer to <http://atcas.liasoncas.org/> for general information about the ATCAS process. Applications are due by October 15th (Applications submitted by the due date will be given preference. Those submitted after the due date will be considered, upon availability). It is encouraged that applicants apply 4-6 week prior to application deadline to allow for processing.
- Completion of a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Completion of prerequisite courses (available at <https://www.gvsu.edu/athletictraining/mat-prerequisites-44.htm>). All prerequisites must be taken for letter grades. For each course, a grade of C or higher is required with an average of a 3.0 in all required prerequisite coursework.
- Ability to perform all technical standards (essential functions) of the athletic training program (available at <https://www.gvsu.edu/athletictraining/mat-application-atcas-additional-forms-46.htm>).
- Demonstration of effective communication and interpersonal skills.

ATCAS Admission Materials:

- ATCAS online application.
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended; minimum 3.00 cumulative & prerequisite GPA required.
- Two Recommendation Forms, at least one must be a licensed athletic trainer with whom you have worked / job shadowed / volunteered. All references will complete and return the electronic form via ATCAS.

- Documentation of volunteer / work / job shadow AT hours on the ATCAS application—minimum of 75 hours required.
- Completion of writing sample in ATCAS.
- Healthcare Provider CPR/AED and First Aid certifications.
- Forms to be downloaded, scanned, and uploaded to ATCAS at available at <https://www.gvsu.edu/athletictraining/mat-application-atcas-additional-forms-46.htm>.

Admission to the Doctor of Audiology

- Completion of a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Prerequisites: Successful completion of at least one course in each of the following: biological sciences, physical sciences, behavioral sciences, and statistics.
- General GRE scores (verbal, quantitative, and writing).
- Professional vita or resume.
- References: Names and contact information for three individuals willing to serve as a reference.
- Personal interview: Interviews are scheduled upon invitation by the program, not the applicant, after the application deadline.
- Essential functions: Applicants must be able to perform all essential functions specified by the program. A copy of the essential functions document will be provided to all prospective applicants

Admission to the Master of Science in Biology

- Satisfactory GRE score.
- A 500-word essay detailing educational and professional goals and area of interest in biology.
- Three letters of reference.
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Prospective candidates must contact the Biology Graduate Program Coordinator to begin the process of identifying a prospective graduate committee chair.
- Applicants must interview with faculty either via telecommunication or by visiting campus to determine compatibility and interests.

Admission to the Master of Health Sciences in Biomedical Sciences

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- GRE, MCAT, or DAT scores.
- Three reference letters from individuals who can support your potential to finish this type of program.
- Completion of undergraduate courses in anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and statistics.
- Coursework in chemistry is highly recommended.
- Personal statement with clear indication of interests and goals.

Admission to the Master of Science in Biostatistics

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a satisfactory score on the GRE.
- An appropriate background in statistics is required. Minimally, there should be a SAS based intermediate statistics undergraduate course similar to STA 216 at Grand Valley

State University.

- Resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Letters of recommendations from at least two individuals who are in positions to attest to the applicant's potential for successful completion of the program.

Admission to the Master of Business Administration (Professional MBA)

- Satisfactory undergraduate GPA.
- Current resume.
- Personal essay/statement.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- If applicable, official GMAT/GRE scores (contact department to inquire about waiver options).

Admission to the Master of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Satisfactory GRE score.
- Extensive undergraduate life science experience.
- Resume or CV detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Written recommendations from at least two individuals who are in positions to attest to the applicant's successful completion of the program.
- Telecommunications interview with program faculty.

Admission to the Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- A 2.7 GPA or above in Clinical or Advanced Nutrition, Pharmacology, Pathophysiology, and Biochemistry courses.
- Resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Two professional or academic recommendations received online, addressing the candidate's potential for graduate study completion.

Admission to the Master of Science in Communications

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 credits of undergraduate work. Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA may meet alternate admissions criteria such as professional work experience, personal interview, or academic success in specified courses.
- Background coursework in communication theory and research methods advisable.
- Two letters of recommendation.

- An interview with a representative from the School of Communications.
- Essay/personal statement.

Admission to the Master of Science in Computer Information Systems

- All international students must have a satisfactory score on their GRE Test; U.S. students with a GPA below 3.0 from all of their undergraduate coursework must contact the School of Computing & Information Systems for advising.
- Candidates **must** possess knowledge of a programming language.
- Candidates are expected to possess knowledge in the areas listed below. Candidates lacking coursework or work experience in one or more of these may be considered for conditional admission. Please speak with the Graduate Program Director for advising.
 - Computer architecture and/or organization
 - Data structures and algorithms
 - Databases
 - Discrete math
 - Networking
 - Operating systems
 - Software engineering
- Submit recommendations from at least two individuals attesting to the likelihood of the candidate's successful completion of the program.
- Submit a resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Submit a personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.

Admission to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice

- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 hours of undergraduate work.
- Three letters of recommendation (at least two are from current or former professors).
- A personal statement essay detailing academic preparation, background experiences and professional, educational and career goals for entry into a master's program in Criminal Justice, and any special topic areas that you would like to pursue at the Master's level.
- Applicants may also be required to appear for an oral interview.
- The Graduate Committee reserves the right to require additional information it deems appropriate, including GRE test scores.

Admission to the Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics

- Grade point average of 3.0 (B) from all undergraduate coursework or a satisfactory score on the GRE or GMAT test
- Resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives
- Recommendations: Two professional or academic recommendations received online, addressing the candidate's potential for graduate study completion.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Educational Leadership

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are encouraged to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Educational Technology

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Higher Education

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are encouraged to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support. Alternate criteria do not apply to all graduate programs in the College of Education.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Instruction and Curriculum

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.

- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are required to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Literacy Studies

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are encouraged to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – School Counseling

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are encouraged to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to Graduate Programs in Education – Special Education

- All students seeking degree, endorsement, approval, license or certificate change at the graduate level must be formally admitted to graduate study.
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate work taken from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Three professional or academic letters of recommendations on designated forms.
- Students are encouraged to identify their desired emphasis area with application submission.
- Applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA calculated on the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework may meet alternate criteria for admission, such as a prior master's degree

from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable test scores on the GRE General Test, maintain a 3.0 GPA within the first six credit hours of graduate coursework, or a final appeal to the department chair with faculty support.

Admission to the Educational Specialist Degree in Leadership

- A master's degree with at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Official GRE scores.
- Essay/personal statement.
- Three letters of recommendation. Two from professionals, addressing your leadership skills and success. One from an individual who can address your academic/scholarly capabilities.
- Current resume must include the following:
 - Title of master's project/thesis, degrees received with dates, institutions, majors and minors.
 - Listing of employment.
 - Description of leadership experience, dates, and location.
 - Presentations, publications, memberships, and professional development.

Admission to the Master of Science in Engineering

- A resume and details of work experience, if relevant.
- A Bachelor of Science degree from a four-year undergraduate program in engineering or closely-related field. For students graduating from a program in the United States (U.S.) the program must be accredited by ABET.
- U.S. students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate coursework. Additional evidence can be presented in the form of high scores on the GRE test, through this test is not required.
- International students must have a cumulative GPA that is equivalent to at least 3.0, when linearly scaled on a 0.0 - 4.0 scale, in all undergraduate coursework. They must also submit GRE scores, which must be satisfactory, independently of their cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- Three confidential letters of recommendation from informed sources such as current and/or former professors and supervisors. These letters should address the applicant's academic skills, analytical and problem solving abilities, professionalism, maturity, integrity, and potential for success in graduate studies.
- One to two page essay detailing an applicant's career plans and academic goals.
 - International applicants are requested to add a one to two page essay on the following topic: What will I do to bring cultural and international perspectives to Grand Valley that will enhance the learning environment for the entire GVSU community?
- Candidates should have a base of underlying knowledge relevant to graduate study in the chosen area. This can be demonstrated by previous academic records or relevant work experience. Consultation with the Graduate Program Director may be necessary to verify the appropriateness of work experience as a substitute for academic preparation.
- A motivated applicant having minor deficiency in some of the admission criteria but demonstrating potential for success with other evidences may be granted conditional admission to the program.

Admission to the Master of Arts in English

- A brief statement of purpose explaining the applicant's academic preparation, interest in this program, and professional goals.
- An original essay (writing sample) that demonstrates the candidate's potential for graduate work in this field. A paper written for a previous course is acceptable.
- Applications should be submitted by January 15. Applications received later will be considered, space permitting.

Admission to the Master of Health Administration

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Three letters of reference from informed professional sources.
- An essay on career and educational objectives (250-750 words).
- Current resume.
- Generally, a 3.0 GPA is the minimum required for full admission into graduate school. We also consider the last two years of undergraduate education for students who demonstrate significant improvement during their junior and senior years. Letters of reference, work experiences and other factors are considered during the admissions process.
- For pre-service students, this GPA requirement is quite strict and generally students will not be admitted with less than 3.0 GPA under any circumstances. Academic discipline and undergraduate institution may be considered.
- A GRE score in the top 25 percentile overall may assist a pre-service student with at least a 2.7.
- For active practitioners who have at least five years of relevant work experience, we are willing to consider a conditional admit status for students whose undergraduate education did not quite meet the 3.0 minimum standard GPA. If students are admitted with a conditional admit, they must meet the strict standards set by the admissions committee in order to continue in their program.
- Conditionally admitted students are not eligible for graduate assistantships until they meet the conditions and are fully admitted.

Admission to the Master of Science in Health Informatics and Bioinformatics

- U.S. Students must have an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (B grade) on a 4.0 scale or a satisfactory score on the GRE or GMAT test. All international students must have a satisfactory score on the GRE or GMAT test, regardless of undergraduate GPA.
- Resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Written recommendations from at least two individuals who are in positions to attest to the applicant's potential for successful completion of the program.
- Applicants must have a base of underlying knowledge relevant to graduate study in the medical informatics or bioinformatics fields. This can be demonstrated by previous academic study or work experience. Consultation with a program faculty advisor is necessary to verify appropriateness of work experience as a substitute for academic preparation. Candidates without sufficient relevant background experience may satisfy

any deficiency with appropriate graduate or undergraduate courses, as recommended by a faculty advisor in the program and approved by the Medical and Bioinformatics Admissions Committee and Graduate Program Director.

Admission to the Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry

- Grade point average of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale from all undergraduate coursework or a satisfactory score on the GRE.
- Resume detailing work experiences and accomplishments.
- Personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Recommendations: Two professional or academic recommendations received online, addressing the candidate's potential for graduate study completion.

Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice

- The MSN is designed for post-baccalaureate in nursing (BSN) students whose undergraduate program must have been accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or National League for Nursing (NLN). All Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) applicants, either post-BSN or post-MSN, must also have graduated from a nursing program accredited by CCNE or NLN. Official transcripts must verify completion of baccalaureate and/or master's program(s) in nursing.
- For post-BSN applicants, a GPA will be calculated using all undergraduate coursework. A GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.
- For an MSN to DNP applicant, a GPA will be calculated using all master's level coursework from all transcripts. A GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.
- A written statement describing professional and educational goals is required. The applicant must articulate an area of educational focus (advanced generalist, advanced practice clinical, or health systems leadership) and describe how attaining a graduate nursing degree will facilitate goal achievement. The applicant's focus must be congruent with the graduate program specialties and expertise of the KCON faculty.
- The application review process involves the submission of a scholarly writing sample. During a designated time, all applicants will prepare a written essay on a specified topic provided by KCON and submit electronically as requested.
- An interview with KCON faculty may be required.

Requirements Prior to Matriculation:

- Current licensure to practice as a registered nurse in Michigan;
- Required criminal background check and drug screen; and
- Health record documentation and immunization requirements.

Admission to the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

- Academic achievement of a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in prerequisite courses and in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. At least 9 credits of prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application, these 9 credits do not include the 'elective' course.
- Two letters of recommendation from a registered occupational therapist and a professor

who can comment on your academic performance. Letters from Graduate Assistants, Teaching Assistants, or Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants do not qualify. For non-traditional students an employer may be substituted for the academic professor requirement.

- An interview and an onsite writing sample.
- Documented volunteer experience for a minimum of 50 hours under the supervision of an occupational therapist. All volunteer hours must be completed at the time of application.
- Completion of Achievement Summary Form detailing student accomplishments that reflect the core goals of the program.
- Potential candidates to the occupational therapy program coming from other educational institutions who wish to complete a required pre-professional course at Grand Valley State University may apply for non-degree seeking status, using an undergraduate application. Once all prerequisite requirements have been completed, then the student will need to submit a graduate application.

Admission to the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership

- Three years full time work experience required.
- Three letters of reference from informed sources.
- An essay on career and educational objectives (250 to 750 words).
- A resume.

Admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy

- Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Clinical Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) program utilizes the Physical Therapist Centralized Application System (PTCAS) for the application process. Please refer to www.ptcas.org for general information about the PTCAS process. GVSU specific information is posted on the PTCAS website. All application and supporting documents for PTCAS and GVSU have a receipt deadline of October 15. It is strongly recommended that applicants submit application materials 4-6 weeks prior to October 15 to allow for PTCAS processing time.
- Completion of Bachelor's degree and Prerequisite (pre-professional) coursework. All prerequisites must be taken for letter grades, earning a C or higher. The prerequisites and undergraduate degree must be completed by the first day of classes of the professional program (available at <https://www.gvsu.edu/pt/admissions-101.htm>).
- Communication and interpersonal skills. On-site interview may be required. Practice interviews for GVSU student and alumni are available by contacting Career Services.
- Ability to perform all "Essential Functions" of the physical therapy program: [please click here for a full list](#).

PTCAS Admission Materials:

- PTCAS online application.
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended. Students must have a minimum average GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale in prerequisite course requirements, and a 3.2 overall GPA to be considered for admission.
- Official results from the GRE general and written test (Graduate Record Exam). Subject tests are not required. GRE scores must be sent directly to PTCAS using the PTCAS GVSU GRE code 0282.

- Two recommendations. Submit the names and email addresses of your two references on the PTCAS electronic application. The individuals providing your references will complete and return the electronic form directly to PTCAS. A licensed physical therapist with whom you have worked / job shadowed / volunteered must complete 1 of the 2 recommendations. The deadline for receipt is October 15.
- Documentation of volunteer / work / job shadow PT hours on the PTCAS application. A minimum of 50 hours of observational experience in physical therapy is required at the time of application. The experience may be volunteer or paid. Observational experience in a variety of clinical settings is valued. Examples of clinical settings include in-patient, out-patient, extended care, and school. GVSU does not require students to submit PTCAS Verification forms.
- Educational, professional, leadership, scholarly and volunteer activities. These are valued and taken into consideration in the admission consideration process. All activities should be documented on the PTCAS application.

Admission to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies

- Applicants must maintain an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in EACH of the following categories:
 - Overall GPA
 - Last 60 hours of coursework
 - PAS program prerequisite courses
- A minimum grade of “C” (2.0) must be attained in each of GVSU’s PAS program prerequisites. [Click here](#) for the list of prerequisites and recommended courses.
- Applicants must demonstrate a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the prerequisite coursework, in their last 60 hours of coursework, and in the overall GPA to be considered for admission. All prerequisite coursework and a bachelor’s degree are required by the month of May prior to fall semester before beginning the process.
 - The following courses must be completed prior to application: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Physics, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Microbiology.
 - The following courses must be less than 5 years old at the time of application: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology and Biochemistry.
- Two recommendations from health professionals must be submitted. We recommend, but do not require, that at least one letter be from a practicing physician assistant. Separate letters from references are NOT required. Only TWO references are required.
- Interviews. Satisfactory individual and/or group interviews are required of all final pool applicants.
- Applicants should show evidence of 500-plus hours of significant volunteer, work, or observational experience in a health care environment. This experience must be hands on patient care activities and be completed by the time the application is submitted. This information should be documented on the graduate application. A supplemental application will be requested from the program for completed applicant files.
- Foreign-born applicants should be able to communicate well in English. Minimal scores of TOEFL 600 or equivalent computer-based TOEFL are expected.

- International students must have at least 30 hours of higher education coursework taken at an established and accredited U.S. institution. USMLE scores and foreign GPA calculations are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Admission to the Masters of Public Administration

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale calculated on the last two years of undergraduate coursework.
- Three letters of reference from informed sources.
- An essay on career and educational objectives (250-750 words).
- Generally, a 3.0 GPA is the minimum required for full admission into graduate school. We also consider the last two years of undergraduate education for students who demonstrate significant improvement during their junior and senior years. Letters of reference, work experiences and other factors are considered during the admissions process.
- For pre-service students, this GPA requirement is quite strict and generally students should not be admitted with less than 3.0 GPA under any circumstances. Academic discipline and undergraduate institution may be considered.
- A GRE score in the top 50 percentile overall may assist a pre-service student with at least a 2.7 GPA.
- For active practitioners who have at least five years of relevant work experience, we are willing to consider a conditional admit status for students whose undergraduate education did not quite meet the 3.0 GPA minimum standard. If students are admitted with a conditional admit, they must meet the strict standards set by the admissions committee in order to continue in their program.
- Conditionally admitted students are not eligible for graduate assistantships until they meet the conditions and are fully admitted to the program.

Admission to the Master of Public Health

- A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate coursework is required. A bachelor's degree is required, preferably in a health-related field.
- Written recommendations from at least two individuals who are in positions to attest to the applicant's ability to successfully complete the program. An academic reference as well as a health care professional reference is preferred.
- Personal Essay: All applicants must provide a written statement that addresses both of the following questions. The overall response should not exceed two, double-spaced pages (maximum).
 - What would make you an excellent candidate for the Grand Valley State University MPH program?
 - What are your expectations for a future career in Public Health (highlighting your emphasis area of interest)?

Admission to the Master of School Psychology

- Completed a bachelor's degree in psychology, special education, or a related field with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field are eligible for admission; however they may have to enroll in prerequisite courses.

- Successful completion of undergraduate prerequisite courses (Child Development, Statistics, and Research Methods).
- Achieved satisfactory GRE scores (verbal, quantitative, and writing). The subject area test is not required.
- Professional vitae or resume.
- 3 letters of recommendation.
- A personal statement outlining your interest in the field of School Psychology and the program at Grand Valley State University, relevant experience, and your educational and professional goals (2-3 pages, double-spaced).

Admission to the Master of Social Work

- Three letters of recommendation from individuals able to attest to the candidate's qualifications for graduate work and professional practice.
- Current resume detailing work and volunteer experience.
- A 2 to 3 page essay about life experiences that have led to an interest in administrative practice in a social agency, including assessment of personal strengths and areas for growth.
- A 2 page essay articulating how pursuing the MSW will help achieve educational and professional career goals.

Admission to the Professional Master of Arts in Social Innovation

- A Grade point average of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework.
- A combined GRE score (for verbal and quantitative reasoning) of 300.
- A personal statement of career goals and background experiences, including an explanation of how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives.
- Recommendations from at least two individuals who are in positions to attest to the applicant's successful completion of the program.

Admission to the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

- Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS) program utilizes the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application System (CSDCAS) for the application process. Please refer to <http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas-student-page/> for general information about the CSDCAS process.
- Completion of a bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the prerequisite coursework. Successful completion of any undergraduate prerequisite courses, including:
 - Statistics course
 - Biological Sciences course
 - Physical Science course
 - Two Psychological/Social Science courses
- Personal written statement.
- Professional curriculum vita or resume.
- Personal interview, if invited.

CSDCAS Admission Materials:

- CSDTCAS online application.
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended.
- General GRE scores (verbal, quantitative, and writing). A 3.0 on the writing section of the GRE is required.
- Applicants must be able to perform all essential functions specified by the program. The Essential Functions Document (available at <https://www.gvsu.edu/csd/admission-to-the-slp-masters-program-2.htm>) must be signed and attached to the Documents Section of the CSDCAS application.

Admission to the Master of Science in Taxation

- Satisfactory GMAT score.
- Satisfactory undergraduate GPA.
- Personal statement.