

# GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

St. Catherine University welcomes applications from individuals seeking to contribute to our diverse graduate learning community. Admission to St. Catherine University is based on a holistic review of each applicant’s qualifications, taking into consideration a wide variety of criteria. No single factor guarantees admission.

Applicants are selected for admission because of their demonstrated ability to succeed in a rigorous graduate course of study, contribute to the University’s diverse learning environment and, after graduation, make a positive contribution to their professional and scholarly communities.

Successful applicants have the capacity to develop advanced skills for ethical leadership, critical thinking, communication and respect for individuals from all backgrounds. They have the ability to act in a professional and compassionate manner, advocate for social justice, and engage in global citizenship in an interconnected world. They are capable of achieving excellence in leadership within their professions and their communities, influencing others and creating opportunities for positive change.

To be considered for admission, applicants must provide evidence of a successfully completed, regionally accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree. Acceptable baccalaureate or graduate degrees are those granted by a U.S. college or university accredited by a regional accrediting organization (as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, see <http://www.chea.org>) or, if the degree was earned outside the U.S., evaluated as the equivalent of a regionally accredited four-year U.S. baccalaureate or graduate degree.

Applicants must demonstrate academic preparedness as evidenced by a strong undergraduate record of achievement and, where applicable, a strong prior graduate record of achievement. The preferred minimum GPA for previously completed undergraduate or graduate coursework is 3.0; individual programs may require a higher minimum GPA. Some programs may consider extenuating factors, and most recent coursework may be weighted more heavily in the admission decision. Applicants must also demonstrate proficiency in writing.

## Required Application Components for all Degree-Seeking and Certificate Applicants

Application Materials	Degree-Seeking Applicants	Certificate Applicants
Official transcript from every post-secondary institution attended	X	X
Personal statement/essay	X	X
Resume/curriculum vitae (or equivalent)	X	Varies by program
Recommendation forms/letters	X	Varies by program

### Additional requirements for some applicants:

- Applicants with a primary language other than English must provide results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based test or 80 on the iBT, or

the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6.5. This requirement is waived for applicants who have completed a baccalaureate or graduate degree in the United States.

- Applicants who have earned a baccalaureate or graduate degree outside the United States must submit an evaluation from an approved credential evaluation agency (World Education Services, Inc.).

Current students who wish to progress from a certificate program to a degree program must apply through the Office of Graduate Admission. A recommendation from the student’s graduate faculty advisor may be required as part of the application process; additional materials may be required by some graduate programs. Students who have been away from the University for more than one year are subject to the standard Graduate Admission procedures.

All degree and certificate applicants must meet admission requirements for the intended graduate program. Individual St. Catherine graduate programs have specific admission requirements, which may include official test scores, work/volunteer experience, and prerequisite courses, in addition to submitting the materials listed above.

Program-specific admission requirements, forms and deadlines are available on the Graduate Admission website (<https://www.stkate.edu/admissions/graduate-admission>). Interested individuals may also direct questions to the Office of Graduate Admission at 651.690.6933. Fulfillment of the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.