Graduate School Admission Requirements

General admission and degree requirements for graduate studies are determined by a Graduate Studies Council made up of the Dean of Students and various faculty members. Careful consideration is given to all applicants. Our faculty members strive to admit students who will succeed at Evangel in a program that fits their life purpose. Students should address each of the items outlined below.

Procedure

Students seeking admission to graduate studies must file with the Graduate Admissions Office:

- The completed application online
- A nonrefundable application fee of $25
- References (Please consult with our admission’s counselor to determine which of the following references should be issued.)*
  - One pastor or church leader reference
  - One academic reference
  - One professional (supervisor or co-worker) reference
  - Note: You can issue your references through your online application by clicking the “Submit References” tab.
- Statement of Purpose (pdf) describing:
  - Professional and academic experiences which are relevant to the field of study you have chosen
  - Your objective for pursuing this graduate program and your career aspirations
  - Your current spiritual growth and church involvement
- Your résumé, outlining experiences relevant to the desired graduate program.
- Any required entrance exam (GRE/MAT/Praxis II)
- Official undergraduate (and graduate if applicable) transcripts

Bachelor’s degree must be conferred prior to starting a master’s program
Preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher

- Any program-specific requirements (see below for competitive admissions requirements)
  - Psychology: submit an APA writing sample from your undergraduate coursework.
  - Secondary Teaching/School Counseling: submit two copies of each official college transcript.
  - Athletic Training submission of documented observation hours (minimum of 35).
  - Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate credit should be mailed to: Evangel University Admissions, 1111 N Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO 65802

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 with an earned bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university

Program Competitive Admission Requirements**
1. Before students can be admitted to the program, they must have a Bachelor’s Degree.
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Complete the necessary pre-requisite courses with a “C” or higher.
   a. Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I & II
   b. Biomechanics
   c. Introduction to Chemistry
   d. Introduction to Physics
   e. Introduction to Psychology
   f. Exercise Physiology
   g. Medical Terminology
   h. Nutrition
   i. First Aid and CPR certification (may acquire by any means prior to admission)
4. Students must complete an interview with the ATP faculty. This interview allows the faculty to discuss the expectations and rigors of the program, the student’s perceived strengths and weaknesses, and allows the student to hear and discuss any concerns there may be about their continuance into a program such as this.
5. Students must submit a minimum of 35 hours of observational experience under the supervision of an athletic trainer certified by the BOC. These hours must be submitted before a determination can be made about admission.

** Competitive admission does not mean all students who apply to the program are admitted. Students are selected based on GPA, submission of completed admission requirements, and interview skills in individual interviews with the ATP program selection committee.

Once applications are received and all components have been acquired by the graduate admissions counselor, these documents are passed along to the athletic training program director who is able to schedule interviews with students. After completion of the interview, faculty within the program collaborate about who will be admitted to the athletic training program. Students are notified via mail of their acceptance to the graduate school and program in athletic training.

Program Retention Requirements

Level 1
1. Complete Federal and State Background checks
2. Complete 9 clinical experience days in 2 week blocks in acute care and orthopedic assessment as a part of ATEP 524, 536, 592, and 593. There are 8 blocks to each semester which is 16 weeks total.
3. Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
4. Obtain average of 3.5 out of 5 on clinical performance evaluations completed by preceptor.
5. Complete all classwork and courses required for matriculation. Courses are sequential.
6. Students may not score more than one “C” for the duration of the program. If a second “C” is earned, students will be placed on program academic probation and will need to repeat one of the two courses in order to raise their course grade. Students will be notified of academic probation with a formal letter of reprimand.

Level 2
1. Apply for candidacy.
2. Complete 140 clinical experience hours in general medical and rehabilitation settings.
2. Complete 9 clinical experience days in 2 week blocks in acute care and orthopedic assessment as a part of ATEP 692 and 693. There are 8 blocks to each semester which is 16 weeks total.
3. Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
4. Apply for candidacy through the graduate school.
5. Obtain average of 4 out of 5 on clinical performance evaluations completed by preceptor.
6. Receive proficient score on research project in ATEP 690.
7. Receive proficient score on oral presentation in ATEP 496.
8. Complete all classwork and courses required for matriculation. Courses are sequential.
9. Students may not score more than one “C” for the duration of the program. If a second “C” is earned, students will be placed on program academic probation and will need to repeat one of the two courses in order to raise their course grade. Students will be notified of academic probation with a formal letter of reprimand.

Requirements for Candidacy
Students admitted to a program of study must apply for candidacy after completion of 15 credit hours of graduate course work at Evangel University. To be considered for candidacy, students must:

- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on all 500 and 600 graduate coursework with no more than two grades of C (including + or -)
- Present a clear plan for completing the Master’s or Doctoral degree to the Academic Advisor and the Graduate Studies Council for approval (forms in Graduate Studies office)
- Be recommended for advancement to candidacy by their academic advisor

In making a final decision regarding student advancement to candidacy, the Graduate Studies Council will consider whether the student:

- Demonstrates academic competency and professional integrity and ability in the program
- Proposes a course of study with sufficient merit
- Demonstrates spiritual maturity and values consistent with Evangel University standards
- Exhibits research skills, a professional attitude, and psychological health that justify continuation of study toward the Master’s degree

The Program Coordinator shall recommend qualified students to the Graduate Studies Council for advancement to candidacy. Students will be informed by letter of the Graduate Council’s action.

Requirements for Completion of Degree

- The satisfactory completion of all courses listed on the student’s approved program.
- A cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher on all graduate courses that are a part of the student’s approved program.
- A cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher on all graduate work completed at Evangel University.
• Completion of a research thesis, project, dissertation or non-thesis option as required by the department.
• Candidates must complete the Application for Graduation early in the semester in which all requirements will be completed. Application deadlines are published each term by the Graduate Studies office.

Students will be considered for graduation when they have met the above requirements and:

• Have completed the Application for Graduation
• Have paid the graduation fee
• Have satisfied all financial obligations to Evangel University