APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each program requires official transcripts from each college and university attended. Transcripts from the student’s undergraduate institution and, in the case of some doctoral programs, master’s institution showing that the degree was conferred are required. If you were an undergraduate or graduate student at Radford University, the Graduate Admissions Office will request your transcript. A minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 is required; however, some programs have more stringent requirements noted below. Official test scores are required for most programs (see specific program). All applicants must submit a resume.

Application Deadline: Unless otherwise specified, applications are accepted throughout the year.

Graduate College Financial Aid Deadline: For full-time students applying for graduate assistantships or other forms of financial aid, the deadline is March 1 (for fall admission).

ART (M.F.A.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75 overall and in the major; two letters of reference; artist statement (i.e., philosophy, overall goals, synopsis of work); letter of intent; B.F.A. or commensurate collegiate coursework; 20 slides or CD of recent art work.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (M.B.A.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; two letters of reference; letter of intent; official GMAT score, or approved compensatory materials.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (M.A., M.S.)
A minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall and 3.0 in all major core courses. If the undergraduate degree is not in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD), a minimum of 28 hours in supporting undergraduate COSD courses is required for regular status; three letters of reference; GRE; personal essay, resume. Application Date: February 1.

CORPORATE AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION (M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; short essay/personal statement (see program section in catalog); GRE; three letters of reference.

COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; GRE or MAT; 3 letters of reference; essay. Application Dates: Priority admission - materials due February 1 for summer and fall admission. Space-available admission - materials due by April 15 for summer and fall admission.

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (PSY.D.)
Minimum graduate school grade point average of 3.50; GRE General Test; a letter of interest describing the applicant’s professional and/or research experience and career goals; curriculum vita; official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work; writing sample; 3 letters of recommendation, including at least one from a professor who can comment on the applicant’s academic skills and one from a supervisor who can speak to the applicant’s counseling skills. International applicants also need to submit TOEFL scores. Application Date: January 15.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (M.A., M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.90; two letters of reference, only one of which may come from a Radford University criminal justice professor; original writing sample (see program section in catalog).

EDUCATION (M.S.)
Minimum 3.0 GPA on all undergraduate coursework; GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing); two letters of professional recommendation; personal letter of application. Compensatory application materials or interview required to assess applicants who do not meet all entrance requirements. For those seeking initial teacher licensure, admission to the Teacher Education Program is required prior to field experiences, including passing scores on required teacher exams.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; three letters of reference (including one from school superintendent or designee, one from most recent principal); three years of K-12 classroom teaching experience; GRE or MAT; writing sample.

ENGLISH (M.A., M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; two letters of reference; sample of expository writing; GRE.

LITERACY EDUCATION (M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; two letters of reference; essay (see program section in catalog); copy of teaching license.

MUSIC (M.A., M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; GRE, Major Field Test in Music or Praxis II (Content Knowledge); three letters of reference; written diagnostic exams in music; history and theory before the end of the first semester and prior to admission to regular status.

NURSING (D.N.P.)
Undergraduate course requirements in statistics, health assessment, nursing research and gerontological nursing; Bachelor’s degree in nursing (B.S.N.), Master’s in Nursing (M.S.N.), or graduate degree (M.S., M.A.) in another discipline; cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale at the undergraduate level, 3.5 GPA at the graduate level; competitive GRE scores; current certification in BLS or ACLS; current license to practice as a registered nurse in Virginia; complete Graduate College application; resume or curriculum vitae that includes prior education and professional practice; professionally written letter describing career goals and how a graduate credential will assist in meeting those goals; official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended; three letters of reference from professional contacts (at least one must be from a former nursing faculty member); three recommendation forms (these may be completed by the same three contacts who provide the letters of reference); personal interview with graduate nursing faculty. Application Date: April 1.
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (M.O.T.)
Bachelor’s degree, minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.25; GRE; grades of C or better in prerequisite courses (see M.O.T. section); two letters of recommendation; professional resume; statement of purpose; 40 hours of observation; completion of a college or community course to learn a new occupation. Application Date: May 15.

PHYSICAL THERAPY (D.P.T.)
Minimum Bachelor’s GPA of 3.25 (based on a 4.0 scale); minimum combined GRE of 1100; minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in prerequisite undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology, General Biology I and II with labs, Chemistry I and II with labs, Physics I and II with labs, and Statistics/Biostatistics courses; courses in Abnormal Psychology, Biochemistry, Biomechanics, Kinesiology, Public Speaking and Technical Writing recommended; one academic/educational reference, one professional physical therapist reference, AND one work-related/volunteer reference; essay on how APTA Vision 2020 will impact the physical therapy profession and how it will affect the student’s practice; minimum 40 hours clinical experience; interview may be required; no transfer credit allowed. See D.P.T. website for details. Application date: Rolling admission.

PSYCHOLOGY (M.A., M.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 3.0; GRE; three letters of reference (one from major department; if applicant is not a psychology major then a letter of reference from a psychology faculty member is needed); short statement approximately two pages stating why you are interested in psychology and future plans. Application Date: February 15 for fall.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY (ED.S.)
Minimum grade point average of 3.0; GRE; two letters of reference (one from major department; if applicant is not a psychology major then a letter of reference from a psychology faculty member is needed); short statement approximately two pages stating why you are interested in psychology and future plans. Application Date: February 15 for fall.

SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)
Minimum grade point average of 2.75 overall; minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all undergraduate social work courses (for advanced standing applicants) or in the last 60 hours of upper division coursework (for Standard applicants); three letters of reference (at least one from a professor who can speak to academic potential and one from a supervisor in human services who can speak to practice skills; Applicants for advanced standing are encouraged to provide a reference from their senior field instructor); previous experience in the field of human services as an employee, student and/or volunteer; personal essay; official transcripts from all undergraduate (including community college) and graduate work. Refer to the School of Social Work’s website for further requirements. Advanced standing students begin in summer, Standard students begin in fall. For fullest consideration, applications for advanced standing status should be received by March 1 and applications for standard status by April 1. Applications received after those dates will be considered on a space-available basis.
SPECIAL EDUCATION (M.S.)
Minimum GPA of 2.75 in undergraduate coursework and 3.0 in graduate work, if taken; official GRE scores (Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing) OR official passing scores on all the following: Praxis I, Praxis II, VCLA and VRA; three letters of professional recommendation speaking to the applicant’s success and capacity as a teacher of students with and/or without disabilities, and potential for success as a graduate student and professional in the field of special education.; personal letter of application to the special education program area (see program section); resume documenting all volunteer, internship and work experiences with infants, children, and youth. Compensatory application materials and interview required to assess applicants who do not meet all entrance requirements. Rolling admission but applications must be received November 1, April 1 and July 1 for the following semester. For those seeking initial teacher licensure, admission to the Teacher Education Program is required prior to field experiences, including passing scores on VCLA and Praxis I (and VRA for certain specializations).

INITIAL TEACHING LICENSURE
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; Submit official transcripts showing baccalaureate degree conferred; three letters of reference. Rolling admission.

NON-DEGREE
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; official transcripts showing all degrees conferred. Rolling admission.

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE
Minimum grade point average of 2.75; official transcripts showing all degrees conferred. Rolling admission.