

Admission Statement

Graduate programs at Lewis University offer the prospective graduate student the opportunity to enhance his/her undergraduate degree by completing a career-focused master's degree program. It is expected that a candidate for admission to graduate study at the University was academically successful at the undergraduate level and is now ready to move on to a successful graduate-level experience. The University offers admission to the most qualified applicants into each program. Students are reviewed on the basis of profile material required for admission consideration. Admission is offered to the student whose profile most closely reflects the ability to succeed and the ability to contribute to, as well as learn from, the team-focused experience. Space in each program is limited. Admission criteria and requirements are subject to change.

Graduate Program Specific Checklist

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Science in Aviation and Transportation

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- One- to two-page personal statement describing background and how the degree relates to applicant's career goals
- Three letters of recommendation (one from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's academic performance, one from an employer, and one from anyone who can speak to the applicant's likely success in the program).

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Personal statement (Check with program director)
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- At least 15 cr. hrs. of psychology including statistics or research methods

Master of Arts in School Counseling and Guidance

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Personal statement (Check with program director)
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)

Master of Science in Criminal/Social Justice

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major or minor in Criminal/Social Justice, or current practitioner; other degrees on a case-by-case basis (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)

Master of Science in Public Safety Administration

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major or minor in Criminal/Social Justice, fire science, private security, or current practitioner; other degrees on a case-by-case basis
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Counseling session with program representative
- Personal statement (Check with program representative)
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES/ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Science in Information Security

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Professional résumé
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two-page statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- Students without a background in information systems and/or computer science may be provisionally admitted into the program, but will be required to complete one or two foundation courses.

Business, Education, and Nursing programs on reverse side

Graduate Program Specific Checklist

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Admission interview
- Current résumé
- Two professional recommendations (Form available from department)
- Conditional admission for those with GPA < 2.75

Master of Science in Finance

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Admission interview
- Current résumé
- Two professional recommendations (Form available from department)
- Undergraduate GPA ≥ 2.75 (conditional admission for those with GPA < 2.75)

Master of Science in Management

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Admission interview
- Current résumé
- Statement of purpose (Form available from department)
- Two professional recommendations (Form available from department)
- Undergraduate GPA ≥ 2.75
- In most cases, a student must have three years of supervisory experience

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

All Master's Programs in Education

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (2.75/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- Meeting with College of Education representative
- Successful completion of the Graduate Writing Requirement
- Passing score on the Illinois Certification Basic Skills Test

Certificate of Advanced Study

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university (3.0/4.0 graduate GPA)
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- Meeting with College of Education representative
- Current résumé
- Successful completion of the Graduate Writing Requirement
- Passing score on the Illinois Certification Basic Skills Test
- 2 years successful teaching/administrative experience

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Master of Science in Nursing MSN/MBA Degree Option

- BSN from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program, including coursework in nursing research and statistics (2.75/4.0 undergraduate GPA)
- Current RN license
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended
- Three letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae

Master of Science in Nursing Adult Nurse Practitioner

- Graduation from CCNE or NLNAC accredited baccalaureate nursing program with a 3.0/4.0 cumulative GPA.
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of C or better:
 - 3 semester hours of undergraduate statistics
 - 3 semester hours of undergraduate nursing research
 - Courses in anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology
 - 3 semester hours of pharmacology
 - 3 semester hours of health assessment
- Two essays (maximum 500 words each) on required topics
- Three letters of recommendation (Forms available from department)
- Current licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse in Illinois or state of practice.
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae
- One year of clinical experience as a Registered Professional Nurse, preferably with significant direct patient care responsibilities.