



College of Education Master of Science (MS) Degree

Admission Requirements

The Master of Science (MS) degree requires two types of admission: (a) Admission to the MS program; and (b) Admission to Eastern Oregon University with "Graduate Student" status. Both applications should be submitted concurrently. Details are as follows:

Admission requirements for the MS program:

1. Completion of ED 500 with grade of "B" or better.
2. Grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0, calculated on either of the following two options:
 - (a) Last 60 quarter hours completed of undergraduate upper-division coursework;
 - or
 - (b) 15 quarter hours of approved graduate-level coursework.
3. Two letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant's ability to be successful in a graduate program.
4. Personal essay.
5. Admission to Eastern Oregon University with "Graduate Student" status.

Note: *Effective December 2008, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is no longer required for admission to the MS program.*

Students not meeting the required minimum GPA as outlined above have the option of taking additional graduate-level classes for purposes of raising the GPA to the required 3.0.

Transfer Credits

The MS Program allows a limit of 15 graded graduate-level credits (quarter hours) to be transferred from another accredited graduate-level institution.

All graduate-level courses taken prior to program admission, and all graduate-level transfer courses, will be reviewed for appropriateness of transfer into the MS program. Courses will not be accepted that are not appropriate to the MS degree requirements.

Courses completed prior to seven academic years before admission will be reviewed for appropriateness of transfer into the MS program, but are not guaranteed to be accepted.

Steps in Applying for the MS Program

Step 1: Complete ED 500. This course is offered online every term, and program admission is not required for enrollment.

Step 2: Upon completion of Ed 500 with grade of "B" or better, submit *both* the MS Program Application *and* the EOU Graduate Admission application, along with all required supporting documents, fees, and official transcripts.

Enclose *all* admissions materials in one envelope and mail to:

MS Program Admissions
College of Education- ZH 261
One University Blvd
La Grande OR 97850

Special note regarding admission to EOU.

All MS students are required to be fully admitted to the MS program and EOU in order to complete the MS degree. However, some students may desire to enroll in Focus Area courses or Elective courses on a part-time/non-admitted status. (Enrollment in Professional Core courses requires full MS program and EOU graduate student admission.) Part-time and/or non-admitted course enrollment is allowed, but with the following important exceptions:

(1) Graduate student admission to EOU *is* required if a student will be registering for more than eight credits in any given term.

(2) Graduate student admission to EOU *is* required, *regardless of the number of registered credits per term*, in order to receive financial aid. Financial aid is available both for full-time and part-time graduate students. Contact the EOU Financial Aid office at 541-962-3550 for information regarding submission of the FAFSA form and application procedures.

Remember: *All* MS students must be fully admitted both to EOU and the MS program in order to enroll in any of the Professional Core courses and to receive the MS degree. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for admission early in the program.

Please contact our office (541-962-3772) for assistance with any application items.