

# APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY



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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 First Middle Last Former name(s) if any
- \*Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- \*Sex:  Male  Female  Unspecified
- Citizenship:  
 U.S. Citizen  Permanent U.S. Resident (Alien Registration Number)  Visa \_\_\_\_\_ (International Students: list visa type)  Refugee  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you currently living in the United States?  Yes  No
- Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address  
 City State Zip Code
- Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address  
 City State Zip Code
- Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code Number Mobile Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code Number Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code Number
- Would you like to receive text messages from GVSU?  Yes  No
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- State in which you claim legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_
- Length of residence in this state: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If there is anything unusual about your residency status, enclose a letter specifying details. Consult the current Grand Valley State University Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog for more information regarding residency requirements. Years Months
- If you are a Michigan resident, please list county: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year
- Have either of your parents graduated from a four-year college?  Both  Father  Mother  Neither
- Is English your native language?  Yes  No
- \*Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No
- \*Please select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White
- U.S. Military Service (if applicable): Indicate your current status. Please check all that apply.  
 On active military duty  Veteran of U.S. armed forces  Reserves or National Guard  
 I am a dependent or spouse of a U.S. active duty service member or I am a dependent or spouse of a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

\*Questions with an asterisk (\*) are optional.

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Undergraduate GPA	Graduate GPA	Scores
GPA _____ at _____	GPA _____ at _____	GMAT %V _____ %Q _____ T _____ %W _____ SI _____
GPA _____ at _____	GPA _____ at _____	Last two years S.I. _____
GPA _____ at _____	GPA _____ at _____	GRE V _____ Q _____ A _____
GPA _____ at _____	GPA _____ at _____	
Overall _____	GPA (Last 60 hours. UG only) _____	
Decision _____	Int. _____	Date _____ Letter _____

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

19. Felony Conviction/Pending Criminal Charges: Have you ever been convicted of a felony or have you been arrested for a crime for which criminal charges are pending?  Yes  No  
If yes, you must submit additional information explaining the nature of the crime, relevant facts, and the name, address, and telephone number of your corrections officer. You may be required to meet with an admissions representative before a decision on your application will be made. You may be dismissed from GVSU if you fail to indicate such felony convictions or pending charges.
20. Semester of entrance:  
 Fall (begins August) \_\_\_\_\_  Winter (begins January) \_\_\_\_\_  Spring/Summer (begins May/June) \_\_\_\_\_
21. Have you previously applied for degree-seeking admission to Grand Valley?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Have you ever enrolled in any Grand Valley course(s)?  Yes  No
23. Are you applying for (check one):  Part-time study  Full-time study
24. At this time, are you planning to pursue a graduate certificate only?  Yes  No
25. Indicate the graduate program to which you are applying.
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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Accounting (M.S.A.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Auditing</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined B.B.A./M.S.A.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Taxation</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applied Computer Science (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Computer Engineering B.S.E./ Applied Computer Science M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Computer Science B.S./ Applied Computer Science M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Information Systems B.S./ Applied Computer Science M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Information Technology B.S./Applied Computer Science M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Applied Statistics (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Statistics B.S./Applied Statistics M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Athletic Training (M.A.T.)</b> - M.A.T. applicants must apply online through ATCAS at <a href="http://atcas.liaisoncas.com">atcas.liaisoncas.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Allied Health Science B.S./Athletic Training M.A.T.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Exercise Science B.S./Athletic Training M.A.T.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Audiology (Au.D.)</b> - Applicants must apply online through CSDCAS at <a href="http://capcsd.org/csdcas">capcsd.org/csdcas</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bioinformatics and Genomics Graduate Certificate</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biology (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Sciences</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other interest area</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biomedical Sciences (M.H.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined B.S./M.H.S. - Research</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> General Studies</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Research</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biostatistics (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Statistics B.S./Biostatistics M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business Administration (M.B.A.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Executive M.B.A. Program</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Professional M.B.A. Program</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cell and Molecular Biology (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined B.S./M.S.</li></ul> <p><i>Select one emphasis</i> <input type="checkbox"/> PSM Biotechnology <input type="checkbox"/> Research Thesis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clinical Dietetics (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Master's Program with Supervised Practice</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Applied Food and Nutrition B.S./Clinical Dietetics M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Communications (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined B.A., B.S./M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Advertising and Public Relations B.A., B.S./Communications M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Health Communications B.A., B.S./ Communications M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Multimedia Journalism B.A., B.S./ Communications M.S.</li></ul> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Criminal Justice (M.S.)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cybersecurity (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined B.S./M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Computer Science B.S./Cybersecurity M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Information Systems B.S./Cybersecurity M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Information Technology B.S./Cybersecurity M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Data Science and Analytics (M.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Computer Science B.S./ Data Science and Analytics M.S.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Combined Statistics B.S./Data Science and Analytics M.S.</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Educational Leadership</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Administration</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If off-site cohort, indicate location: _____</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Learning, Design, and Technology (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Educational Technology</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Instructional Design</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Higher Education (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Adult and Higher Education</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> College Student Affairs Leadership</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Instruction and Curriculum (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Educational Differentiation</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Education</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Education - Graduate Teacher Certification</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Level Education</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Level Education - Graduate Teacher Certification</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If off-site cohort, indicate location: _____</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Literacy Studies (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Reading</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> General Literacy Studies</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Reading Specialist</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Reading</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, School Counseling (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> If off-site cohort, indicate location: _____</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education, Special Education (M.Ed.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Disorder</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Impairment</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disabilities</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If off-site cohort, indicate location: _____</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Educational Specialist in Leadership (Ed.S.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Administration Cognate</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If off-site cohort, indicate location: _____</li></ul> |
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- Engineering (M.S.E.)**
  - Combined B.S.E./M.S.E. - Biomedical Engineering
  - Combined B.S.E./M.S.E. - Electrical and Computing Engineering
  - Combined B.S.E./M.S.E. - Manufacturing and Design Engineering
  - Combined B.S.E./M.S.E. - Mechanical Engineering
  - Biomedical Engineering
  - Electrical and Computing Engineering
  - Manufacturing and Design Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
- English to Speakers of Other Languages Graduate Certificate**
- Health Administration (M.H.A.)**
  - Finance
  - Hospital Administration
  - Long-Term Care Administration
  - Practice Management
  - Self-Directed Concentration
- Health Informatics and Bioinformatics (M.S.)**
- Interprofessional Health Informatics Graduate Certificate**
- Medical Dosimetry (M.S.)**
  - Full-time (37 credits)
- Nonprofit Leadership Graduate Certificate**
- Nursing (M.S.N.)**
- Nursing (D.N.P.)**
  - Adult/Older Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Family Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Pediatric Dual Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Post-M.S.N. to D.N.P. Program
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Occupational Therapy (M.S.)**
  - Traditional Program
  - Hybrid Program
  - Combined M.S./Dr.O.T.
- Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (Dr.O.T.)**
- Online/Blended Instruction and Assessment Graduate Certificate**
- Palliative and Hospice Care Graduate Certificate**
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate**
- Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (M.P.N.L.)**
  - Community Impact
  - Custom
  - Mission Advancement
  - Nonprofit Healthcare
- Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)** – Applicants must apply online through PTCAS at ptcas.org
- Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.)** – Applicants must apply online through CASPA at caspa.liaisoncas.com
- Public Administration (M.P.A.)**
  - Criminal Justice
  - Health Administration
  - Nonprofit Management and Leadership
  - Policy Analysis, Advocacy, and Evaluation
  - State, Regional, and Local Governance
  - Combined Public and Nonprofit Administration B.A., B.S./Public Administration M.P.A.
- Public Health (M.P.H.)**
  - Traditional In-seat Program - Epidemiology
  - Traditional In-seat Program - Health Promotion
  - Hybrid Program - Epidemiology
  - Hybrid Program - Health Promotion
  - Combined Allied Health Sciences B.S./Public Health M.P.H.
  - Combined Exercise Science B.S./Public Health M.P.H.
- Recreational Therapy, M.S.**
  - Combined B.S./M.S.
- School Psychology Specialist (M.S. & Psy.S.)**
- Social Innovation (M.A.)**
- Social Work (M.S.W.)**
  - Advanced Standing
  - If off-site cohort, indicate location: \_\_\_\_\_
- Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)** – Applicants must apply online through CSDCAS at capcsd.org/csdcas
- Taxation, M.S.T.**
- Water Resource Policy, M.S.**
- Graduate Badges**
  - Advanced Tax Practice
  - Biomedical Informatics
  - Corporate Transactions
  - Cybersecurity
  - Data Analytics
  - Data Mining Fundamentals
  - Database Fundamentals
  - Database Management
  - Digital Forensics Fundamentals
  - Distributed Computing
  - Electromagnetic Compatibility
  - Embedded Systems
  - Foundations of Tax Practice
  - Information Security Fundamentals
  - Information Systems Management
  - Information Systems Project Management Fundamentals
  - Information Visualization Fundamentals
  - Mobile Application Fundamentals
  - Networking Fundamentals
  - Object-Oriented Programming Fundamentals
  - Palliative and Hospice Care I
  - Palliative and Hospice Care II
  - Software Design and Development
  - Software Engineering
  - Telehealth
  - Victim Advocacy and Services
  - Wealth Planning
  - Web and Mobile Computing
  - Web Application Fundamentals

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

26. Colleges Attended: List all colleges or universities you have attended beyond high school, including GVSU. Failure to list all colleges attended may result in loss of transfer credit and/or dismissal. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Contact the Registrar's Office at EACH of these institutions to send an official transcript to the GVSU Admissions and Recruitment Office.

Name of college; location (city and state). List most recent first.	Dates Attended				Grade Point Average	Degrees/Dates Conferred	Major/Minor
	From		To				
	Mo.	Yr.	Mo.	Yr.			
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

27. Did you use a different name while attending any of the above institutions?  No  Yes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Former name

28. Experience (professional, occupational, military). List most recent position first.

Dates	Employer	Title/Nature of Position	Address	Phone Number
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

29. The accounting program does not require letters of recommendation. For this program, applicants should provide the names of three persons who may be contacted if additional information pertaining to admission is needed.

Name	Position	Address	Phone Number	Email
1.				
2.				
3.				

30. Scores on the General Aptitude section of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) are required for some programs (see enclosed instructions).

Have you taken the  GRE or  GMAT?  No  Yes If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

31. To what other graduate schools are you applying? \_\_\_\_\_

32. If you are required to submit an essay, it will be noted under the Checklist for Program Requirements. Suggestions for content: A one- to two-page essay or personal statement describing your academic preparation and background experiences, as well as your professional and educational goals as they pertain to the program for which you are applying. Please attach a printout of the essay to the application.

## CHECKLIST FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Send the following application materials to the Admissions and Recruitment Office, Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, Michigan 49401-9403. You must submit a completed application and all required documentation to the Admissions and Recruitment Office before your application file receives further consideration. Applicants whose files are incomplete will not be considered for admission. You can monitor the completeness of your application by calling the Admissions and Recruitment Office at (616) 331-2025 or (800) 748-0246. All documents and supporting data required for admittance become the property of Grand Valley State University and will not be returned to the applicant.

1. Completed graduate application for admission (also available online at [gvsu.edu/gradapply](http://gvsu.edu/gradapply)).
2. The \$30 nonrefundable application fee (waived if you have previously applied to Grand Valley State University).
3. Official copies of transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended that have granted a baccalaureate degree to the applicant, unless noted otherwise below.
4. General eligibility requirements for federal aid require a valid Social Security number. To assist with your financial aid processing, please complete this field on the application.
5. Test scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), or IELTS (International English Language Testing System), Duolingo, or PTE (Pearson Test of English) Academic for applicants whose native language is not English. The following GVSU graduate programs will accept successful completion of ELS 112 as demonstration of English language proficiency: applied computer science, cell and molecular biology, health informatics and bioinformatics, and biostatistics.

**NOTE: We do not require official transcripts from Grand Valley State University.**

**The following is a checklist of materials that are required to complete your application by program. Please see the Grand Valley State University Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog or visit our website at [gvsu.edu/catalog](http://gvsu.edu/catalog) for specific admission requirements.**

### Master of Science in Accounting

- Official GMAT scores
- One-page essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Applied Computer Science

- Two recommendations
- Resume
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or satisfactory GRE or GMAT scores
- Submit a link to a video (no more than three minutes) where you briefly describe career goals, background experiences, and previous projects, including an explanation of how this program will help you achieve educational and professional objectives. Apply online at [gvsu.edu/gradapply](http://gvsu.edu/gradapply).

### Master of Science in Applied Statistics

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or satisfactory GRE or GMAT scores
- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Two recommendations

### Master of Athletic Training

- Applicants must apply online through ATCAS at [atcas.liasoncas.com](http://atcas.liasoncas.com)
- In addition to completion of the ATCAS application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Doctor of Audiology

- Applicants must apply online through CSDCAS at [capcsd.org/csdcas](http://capcsd.org/csdcas)
- In addition to completion of the CSDCAS application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics and Genomics

- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Biology

- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Biostatistics

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or satisfactory GRE or GMAT scores
- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Two recommendations

### Master of Business Administration – Executive Program

- One-page essay/personal statement\*
- Resume

### Master of Business Administration – Professional Program

- All official transcripts
- One-page essay/personal statement\*
- Resume
- Two recommendations

### Master of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Official GRE scores
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Two recommendations
- Resume

### Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics

- Resume
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Two recommendations
- All official transcripts

### Master of Science in Communications

- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Criminal Justice

- Essay/personal statement\*
- Three recommendations, including two from current or former professors

### Master of Science in Cybersecurity

- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Data Science and Analytics

- Two recommendations
- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or satisfactory GRE or GMAT scores

\*Your graduate program requires a one- to two-page essay or personal statement describing your academic preparation and background experiences, as well as your professional and educational goals as they pertain to the program for which you are applying.

## CHECKLIST FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, CONTINUED

### Master of Education

- One recommendation

### Master of Education - Higher Education

- One recommendation
- Resume
- Typed response to the following questions (approximately 500 words):
  - Tell us why you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree in higher education and student affairs. In your response, be sure to provide specific examples of how the curriculum and professional opportunities provided by the program at Grand Valley State University align with your professional interests and goals.
  - Tell us what you believe to be the most important issue facing higher education and student affairs in the United States and/or globally and why.

### Master of Education - School Counseling

- All official transcripts
- One recommendation

### Educational Specialist in Leadership

- Essay/personal statement\*
- Current resume must include the following:
  - Title of master's project or thesis, degrees received with dates, institutions, majors, and minors
  - Listing of employment
  - Description of leadership experiences, dates, and location
  - Presentations, publications, memberships, and professional development
- One recommendation

### Graduate Certificate in English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

No additional documents required

### Master of Science in Engineering

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Health Administration

- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Three recommendations
- All official transcripts

Note: Essay/personal statements and recommendations submitted previously for a graduate program other than health administration will not meet M.H.A. application requirements.

### Master of Health Sciences in Biomedical Sciences

- Three recommendations
- Typed response to the following questions, limit total response to five pages:
  - What are your career/educational plans for after the master's program?
  - What do you hope to achieve while in graduate school?
  - Why are you interested in the M.H.S. program at GVSU?
  - What experiences have prepared you for success in graduate school?
  - What are your research interests and why?
- All official transcripts

### Master of Science in Health Informatics and Bioinformatics

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or satisfactory GRE or GMAT scores
- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Two recommendations

### Interprofessional Health Informatics Graduate Certificate

- Resume
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*
- Prerequisite verification and GPA calculation worksheet
- All official transcripts

### Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Nursing, or Doctor of Nursing Practice

- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Please indicate, with an essay, the program emphasis to which you are applying.
- Provide typed responses to the following questions adhering to the guidance below.
  - Limit total response to no more than 5 double-spaced pages, excluding reference page. Between 1 to 3 paragraphs would be necessary to adequately address each question.
  - Use scholarly writing and include relevant evidence to support your responses.
  - Use citations and references following current American Psychological Association (APA)
    - Identify and describe a population of interest to you.
    - Identify three factors that may affect achievement of optimal health in the selected population.
    - Select from these factors the one that you believe is both a priority and most amenable to nursing interventions, then:
      - State your rationale for selecting this one over the other two.
      - Describe the implications of this factor for your practice now and in the future.
      - Describe the approaches you would take to deliver nursing care to the population selected, considering the influence of the selected factor.

### Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

- Applicants must apply online through OTCAS at [otcas.liasoncas.com](http://otcas.liasoncas.com)
- In addition to completion of the OTCAS application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Post-Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Graduate Certificate in Online/Blended Instruction and Assessment

- One recommendation

### Graduate Certificate in Palliative and Hospice Care

No additional documents required

### Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

\*Your graduate program requires a one- to two-page essay or personal statement describing your academic preparation and background experiences, as well as your professional and educational goals as they pertain to the program for which you are applying.



## CHECKLIST FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, CONTINUED

### Doctor of Physical Therapy

- Applicants must apply online through PTCAS at [ptcas.org](http://ptcas.org)
- In addition to completion of the PTCAS application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

- Applicants must apply online through CASPA at [caspa.liaisoncas.com](http://caspa.liaisoncas.com)
- In addition to completion of the CASPA application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

- Curriculum vitae/resume
- One-page essay/personal statement

### Master of Public Administration

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*
- All official transcripts

### Master of Public Health

- Resume
  - Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
  - Two recommendations
  - Typed response to the following questions:
    - What would make you an excellent candidate for the Grand Valley State University M.P.H. program?
    - What are your expectations for a future career in public health (highlighting your emphasis area of interest)?
- Limit total response to two double-spaced pages (maximum).

### Master of Science in Recreational Therapy

- Resume
- Two recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

- Applicants must apply online through CSDCAS at [capcsd.org/csdcas](http://capcsd.org/csdcas)
- In addition to completion of the CSDCAS application, students must submit the GVSU Supplemental Form and \$30 application fee.

### Master of Science and Specialist in School Psychology

- Resume
- Three recommendations
- Typed response to the following:
  - Discuss your background and experiences that have led you to pursue school psychology (rather than other related fields), your specific interest in GVSU's program, and your future career goals.

### Master of Arts in Social Innovation

- Two recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Social Work

- Three recommendations
- Resume detailing work and volunteer experiences
- Coursework requirement form
- All official transcripts
- Typed response to the following:
  - What motivates you to pursue a master's degree in social work at this time?
  - The profession of social work is committed to social, political, and economic justice; the alleviation of poverty and oppression; and the reduction of social problems. Address a social problem about which you are particularly concerned. Concisely discuss your understanding of social, political, and economic justice. How do you think you can advance the aforementioned? What experiences or factors have shaped your interest in advancing justice?
  - Describe some of your experiences and achievements in school, work (volunteering or employment), and in your personal life. Include a description of any barriers you have encountered in pursuing your education, work, or personal goals. Indicate the steps and strategies you have used, or are using, to overcome these barriers.
  - Describe examples and experiences that demonstrate you can work effectively with individuals and communities that represent diverse populations (for example, but not limited to, people and communities reflecting diverse ethnicities, racial identities, abilities, socioeconomic class, gender, or sexual orientations). Describe any difficulties you have encountered or that you think you might encounter when working with any of the diverse groups mentioned.
  - Please describe your plans for completing the M.S.W. program if you are admitted. For example, how do you plan to balance your work, education, and personal life? What supports are in place for you when you enter field placement?

Limit total response to five pages.

- Indicate if you are applying for Advanced Standing status

### Master of Science in Taxation

- Official GMAT scores
- One-page essay/personal statement\*

### Master of Science in Water Resource Policy

- Three recommendations
- Essay/personal statement\*

\*Your graduate program requires a one- to two-page essay or personal statement describing your academic preparation and background experiences, as well as your professional and educational goals as they pertain to the program for which you are applying.

## STUDENT SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATION

34. You are not required to give your Social Security number, sex, or racial/ethnic group. This information is used for compiling institutional data. It is not a factor in admission decisions. Your signature is required before GVSU can process this application.

*I certify that all the answers I have given on this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding information that is requested on this application will make me ineligible for admissions to GVSU, or subject to dismissal. I also understand that the university reserves the right to rescind or suspend an admission decision for any reason and at any time it deems this action warranted.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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