

FAQs

What is the required GRE score?

- **Masters Degree Programs:** 800, 700 provisional, 3.5 writing
- **Specialist Degree Programs:** 900, 800 provisional, 3.5 writing
- **Doctoral Program:** 1000, 900 provisional, 3.5 writing

What parts of the GRE should I register for?

You should register for the general verbal, quantitative, and writing portions.

Can the GRE requirement be waived?

Applicants for the Master or Specialist Degree Certification Programs who have a renewable teaching certificate may submit that certificate in lieu of GRE scores.

Are graduate assistantships available?

Graduate Assistantships are sometimes available. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Do I need to have my transcript evaluated? If your degree is from a foreign university, it must be evaluated by an accredited service. CSU uses the following services for this purpose: World Education Services, Inc. and Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.

The complete list of recognized agencies is at <https://www.naces.org/members> How long does it take to finish the Masters Degree? All work credited towards a graduate degree must be completed within seven years. The maximum course load for any graduate student in a semester is 12 hours, so a student could complete the degree in a minimum of three semesters. However, the typical and recommended load for a fulltime graduate student is nine hours in a semester, but our online programs usually require 9–12 hours per semester. I have a degree from a foreign university. Any problems? Undergraduate degrees must be 4 years in length to be considered the equivalent of a bachelor's degree. Check with the CSU admissions office for transcript evaluation instructions. In regards to my professional background and certifications, will I be allowed to transfer credits, if yes how many? We will accept for transfer a maximum of nine (9) credits of graduate level coursework from accredited universities. We do not accept credit for certification courses. The transfer has to be approved by a graduate student advisor in the department. Is the CSU program a part-time or full-time program? Candidates determine whether the program is full or part-time. All course work is offered in the evenings and/or online. The number of courses that you choose to take determines the pace at which you proceed and finish the program. What are the starting dates for Masters Degree? Entrance dates vary according to department, so please contact program coordinators for further information. Call the department at 706-568-2301 and ask to speak to the appropriate program coordinator. A list can be seen below.

- Dr. Thomas Hackett - Doctorate in Curriculum and Leadership
- Dr. Christopher Garretson – Educational Leadership MEd and EdS Programs
- Dr. Stella Michael-Makri – School Counseling

What do I need to submit? In general, you would need to submit the following to the department:

- Departmental application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume/Vita
- Professional Statement
- Background Check Form
- Program Entry Information Form

Then all transcripts from other universities, university application, GRE or GACE scores and immunization records should be sent to the CSU admissions office. What is the number of recommendation letters required? Two letters of recommendation, either from college-level instructors or employers, are not required but preferred. What is the total cost for the online program? Students who only take online courses are only required to pay tuition and specific fees. Tuition for online courses in the graduate school are charged at various rates per semester hour. Fees vary as well. Check

[Tuition and Fees](#) for more. When is the deadline for application? Please see [Graduate Admissions](#) for both general and program-specific information.