

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for Degree Regular Admission an applicant **must have** a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university or foreign equivalent and be in good academic standing at the last institution attended. In addition to the previous two requirements, an applicant for regular admission must meet one of the following requirements from a regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent. All GPAs are based on a 4.0 point scale; the last two years of undergraduate coursework are equivalent to approximately 60-70 semester hours or 90-100 quarter hours. (Approved by Graduate Council April 2011)

- 2.70 minimum GPA for all undergraduate work taken for the baccalaureate degree or
- 3.00 GPA for the last two years of undergraduate academic coursework or
- 3.00 GPA for 30 or more semester hours undergraduate credit **after** earning the first bachelor's degree or
- 2.70 GPA for the last two years of undergraduate academic coursework **and** a 3.00 GPA on **fewer than 24** hours graduate coursework or
- 3.00 GPA for **24 or more** graduate hours or
- An earned master's degree or higher-level degree with at least a 3.00 GPA.

Students who do not meet this admission requirement should contact the staff of The Graduate School to discuss alternative requirements. Applicants who are seeking admission to a degree program must submit scores on the appropriate standardized test as required by the proposed major department.

Applicants for the **Education Specialist** degree with a concentration in Instructional Leadership, Principal Licensure or School Psychology must have earned a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Applicants for **Doctoral** degrees often must have earned a master's degree or higher level degree, e.g., a JD. Applicants who have received a master's degree from UTC must reapply for admission as a doctoral degree student.

An applicant who graduated from an unaccredited institution may be considered for admission with a 3.0 cumulative average. Scores must be submitted from the appropriate admissions test if the applicant is seeking admission to a degree program.