



ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Concentration: Strategic Leadership (*Online program*)

Documents needed

- Application for Admission
- \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official acceptable GRE scores
- Military documents if applicable

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Unclassified Admission

Applicants who are in the process of completing their application for admission may be admitted on an unclassified status, which allows them to take up to nine hours of graduate coursework. Applicants must submit all documentation by the end of their first nine graduate semester hours.

Regular Admission

To be admitted, an applicant must have:

1. A bachelor's degree with an undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75.
2. An acceptable score on the GRE, generally at least 400 verbal, 500 quantitative and 4.0 on analytical writing.

NOTE: Applicants with five or more years of professional work experience may submit a portfolio in lieu of the GRE. The portfolio must include: a resume, a 500 to 600 word essay detailing the reasons for wanting to enter the MPS program and discussing how the program will help the applicant achieve personal and professional goals, and three sealed letters of professional reference. Other items that an applicant may include in the portfolio include a description of professional responsibilities, professional achievements and professional awards/recognitions. The portfolio material must be submitted as a packet, not mailed separately.

The admission decision will be based on the entire academic and professional record.

Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not meet the requirements for regular admission might be admitted conditionally if their entire academic and professional records indicate potential for success in the program. Conditions may include, but are not limited to, taking prerequisite undergraduate courses, enrolling in specified graduate level courses, and achieving a specified grade point average. Students admitted conditionally must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 during the first 12 graduate semester hours completed at APSU. Failure to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA during the first 12 semester hours of graduate coursework results in suspension from the graduate program.

Denied Status

Applicants who do not meet the regular or conditional criteria for admission will be denied admission to the program.

Program of Study

Within the first nine credit hours, you must initiate a program of study by contacting your advisor or your department secretary.