

and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities; (2) be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended; (3) have earned a grade point average of at least 2.5 on the last degree completed by the candidate or have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A=4.0) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted; and (4) satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. In unusual circumstances, a campus may make exceptions to these criteria.*

Students who meet the minimum requirements for graduate and postbaccalaureate studies may be considered for admission in one of the following categories:

Graduate Classified – To pursue a graduate degree, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or

Graduate Conditionally Classified – Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation; or

Postbaccalaureate Classified, e.g. admission to an education credential program – Persons wishing to enroll in a credential or certificate program will be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or

Postbaccalaureate Unclassified – To enroll in undergraduate courses as preparation for advanced degree programs or to enroll in graduate courses for professional or personal growth, applicants must be admitted as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. By meeting the general requirements, applicants are eligible for admission as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, any graduate degree or credential program. (Most CSU campuses do not offer admission to unclassified post-baccalaureate students).

Note: Graduate degree students who have been granted conditionally classified admission to a graduate program are required to complete all conditions for achieving classified standing (full admission) to the program by the semester in which a maximum of one-third of the units to be used toward the graduate degree is completed. (Exception: Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling requires classification by the completion of 10 program units.) Failure to attain classified graduate standing in a timely manner as outlined in this catalog may result in the loss of units to be applied toward the degree since excess units may not be listed on the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy.

A graduate student is expected to attain classified graduate standing either at admission or during the first semester of studies. Candidates for classification are expected to possess a minimum 3.0 postbaccalaureate cumulative grade point average.

Doctoral students should consult the appropriate doctoral program guidelines for information regarding obtaining classified standing.

Graduate Classified Standing. This category is granted to those students who fully meet all admission requirements of the Division of Research and Graduate Studies and the program. It enables the student to pursue a graduate degree and fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards -- including qualifying examinations -- prescribed by the campus.

Only those applicants who show promise of success in and fitness for the profession will be admitted to Classified Graduate Standing, and only those who continue to demonstrate a satisfactory level of scholastic competence and fitness shall be eligible to continue in the graduate program. (See also Grade Requirements.)

*These and other CSU admissions requirements are subject to change as policies are revised and laws are amended. The CSU website www.calstate.edu and the CSU admissions portal www.calstate.edu/apply are good sources for the most up-to-date information.

Standardized Test Requirements

Applicants to graduate degree and advanced certificate programs may be required to submit appropriate admission test scores with the university application to Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Studies. Please see program admission information