

Financial Verification

The international applicant must also provide the University with verification that the required funds are available to support the proposed program of advanced study. Foreign nationals in the United States at the time application is made must also provide information regarding their current visa status. The University provides special forms to be used by the applicant in supplying this information. For information concerning visa, United States immigration, or the Financial Certificate, contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at isso@ncat.edu at (336) 334-7551.

ADMISSION TO MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

The procedures followed in evaluating an applicant's potential for success in graduate work and the criteria used for admission decisions vary according to programs and colleges/schools and reflect an evaluation of the applicant's potential to engage in graduate work and the capability of the individual programs to accommodate additional students. Generally, requests for admission are considered by departmental admissions committees, which forward the departmental recommendations to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Students denied admission to one academic program must re-apply for admission to be considered by another academic department. Our ability to accept students is governed by our resources as well as by the applicant's potential to succeed in graduate education. Satisfying minimal standards, however, does not guarantee admission, since the number of eligible applicants generally far exceeds the number of places available. As a result, many well-qualified applicants cannot be accommodated.

Admission is granted for a specific semester or summer term. Any change in the admission date must be requested in writing and approved by the department and School of Graduate Studies. Admission is given to a specific graduate program. Once the academic requirements for that degree program have been completed, no further registration as a graduate student will be permitted unless admission to a new graduate program or classification has been formally approved.

Admission to Degree Programs

Applicants to a master's degree program for graduate study must have earned a bachelor's degree from a nationally accredited four-year college. Application forms must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies with an official transcript of all previous undergraduate and graduate studies, and three letters of recommendation. Applicants may be admitted to graduate studies unconditionally, provisionally, or as a non-degree seeking post-baccalaureate studies (PBS) student. Applicants are admitted without discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed, or gender. Transcripts submitted to the School of Graduate Studies become part of the permanent record and cannot be released to another institution, employer, or to the student.

Unconditional Admission

To qualify for unconditional admission to a master's degree program for graduate study, an applicant must have earned an overall average of a 2.6 on a 4 point system (or 2.0 on a 3 point system) in his/her undergraduate studies. Some programs require a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; therefore, applicants should check appropriate sections of the *Graduate Catalog* to ascertain the minimum grade point average required. In addition, a student seeking a degree in Agricultural Education, Elementary Education, Technology Education, or Secondary Education must possess, or be qualified to possess, a Class A Teaching License in the area in which he/she wishes to concentrate. See certification exception for **Vocational-Industrial Education (post-secondary/private industry)**.

Provisional Admission

An applicant may be admitted to the master's degree program for graduate study on a provisional basis if (1) the earned baccalaureate degree is from a non-accredited institution, (2) the record of undergraduate preparation reveals deficiencies that can be removed near the beginning of graduate study, and/or (3) final documents are still needed. A student admitted provisionally may be required to pass examinations to demonstrate his/her knowledge in specified areas, to take specified undergraduate courses to improve his/her background, or to demonstrate

his/her competence for graduate work by earning no grades below “B” in the first nine hours of graduate work at this institution.

Post-Baccalaureate Studies (PBS)

An applicant not seeking to be admitted to a graduate program at A&T may be allowed to take courses for self-improvement or for certificate renewal if the applicant meets other School of Graduate Studies’ entrance requirements. If a student subsequently wishes to pursue a degree program, he/she must complete the full admission process. The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to refuse to accept towards a degree program credits which the candidate earned while enrolled as a PBS student; in no circumstances may the student apply towards a degree program more than twelve semester hours earned as a PBS student at A&T. In addition, some academic departments restrict their courses to degree-seeking students only.

ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Applicants to doctoral programs in Electrical Engineering, Energy and Environmental Studies, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Leadership Studies and Mechanical Engineering must submit completed application forms with official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate studies and an official copy of their GRE/GMAT test scores. Other admission criteria are outlined below under the following headings: unconditional admission and provisional admission. Transcripts submitted to the School of Graduate Studies become part of the permanent record and cannot be released to another institution, employer, or to the student. Early application is encouraged, particularly if the applicant wishes to be considered for an assistantship. All College of Engineering programs, Electrical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering allow BS graduates with an earned GPA of 3.5 or higher to apply directly to the Ph.D. program. Applicants should contact the respective engineering department for more information on this option.

Unconditional Admission

Unconditional admission is offered to applicants who satisfy all general School of Graduate Studies requirements. Applicants must have earned a bachelors and masters degree in the appropriate discipline for Leadership Studies and Energy and Environmental Studies. In addition, they must have received a 3.5 grade point average in their master’s level work. Graduate Record Examination scores are required. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores are required for international students.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission is offered to applicants who meet all conditions except the 3.5 grade point average in the master’s degree. Provisional students must convert to unconditional admission on a timely basis by achieving a 3.5 average on graduate coursework at the end of the semester in which the the ninth credit of graduate coursework is completed.

JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAM WITH INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

North Carolina A&T State University School of Technology and Indiana State University School of Technology offer a joint doctor of philosophy consortium degree program in Technology. The specializations, program requirements, and admission requirements are listed below.

Specializations:

- Construction Management
- Digital Communications
- Human Resource Development and Training
- Manufacturing Systems
- Quality Systems