**Graduate School FAQs**

**What are the requirements to apply?**

Application requirements vary by program. To see what is required for your particular program of interest, visit the graduate programs page of the institution to which you want to apply.

**Can I enter a grad school discipline other than the one I studied as an undergrad?**

Yes, some programs accept promising students with competencies in other fields. However, other programs have prerequisites specifying a set number of credits within that particular field.

**How do I obtain information about a program?**

An overview of a particular graduate program can be found on an institution’s program page.

**What GPA is needed to be admitted?**

Applicants typically submit official transcripts that provide a cumulative GPA for all undergraduate and graduate work that has been completed or is in progress. Institutions that do not use a 4.0 scale should provide an average overall letter grade or percentage marks.

The minimum acceptable undergraduate (or graduate, where applicable) GPA for CWU depends on the program you are applying to. Read the application guidelines carefully!

**What are the minimum test scores required for the GRE?**

There are no minimum score requirements for programs that require the GRE. The application is considered in its entirety. Consult the application requirements for your program of interest at the institution you are considering to verify if the GRE is required.

**Where can I take the GRE?**

The Graduate Record Examination is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). For additional information about the GRE, including testing center locations, visit [www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre).

**Can my credits from another college or university be transferred?**

It may be possible to transfer credits from another institution, however limits may be placed on the number of credit hours that can be transferred. Typically, only credits that are directly applicable to the graduate program to which you are applying will be considered for transfer.

**What forms of financial aid are available to grad students?**

Grad students may apply for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships to fund their education. Applying for loans and grants are also options. Check with the universities you are applying to and do an internet search for other options.