

BIOBEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Scores from the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) are optional. Choosing not to submit scores will not affect admissions decisions. When GRE scores are submitted, scores are considered as part of a holistic review process.

Applicants should have a minimum grade-point average of 3.00 (A=4.00) and three supporting recommendations. At the discretion of the graduate program, exceptions may be made to these requirements for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests. Admission will be offered to applicants who are the best qualified, in the judgment of the faculty, taking all factors in to account.

Entering students should have a basic background in biological sciences, the behavioral sciences, or a combination of the two. In addition, they should have a basic background in quantitative methods. In exceptional cases, superior students who do not meet these requirements may be admitted provisionally (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/provisional-admission>), while correcting their deficiencies. This must occur during their first two semesters in the program.