

Delta State University

ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

For additional details on admission, the student should refer to the current Graduate Catalog.

Students desiring to enter the doctoral program are admitted on the following conditions:

- Submission of an application
- Successful fulfillment of Admission Criteria 1-4

Students desiring to enter the doctoral program are admitted according to the criteria denoted below; all admission materials are reviewed by members and constituents of the DACC. Admission point ratings are awarded in each of the following areas:

- 1) Graduate Record Exam (GRE) verbal and quantitative scores;
- 2) GRE writing scores;
- 3) Grade Point Average (GPA) on graduate coursework;
- 4) Portfolio/Structure interview.

Specific point rating on each of these criteria is as follows:

Criterion 1 Graduate Record Examination; Points earned in all three subtests will be added to give a GRE rating.

Criterion 2 A writing score of at least 3.0 on the GRE writing examination

| Verbal Subtest | | | Quantitative Subtest | | | Writing Assessment | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Percentile | Scale | Points | Percentile | Scale | Points | Percentile | Score | Points |
| 78 - 99 | 159 + | 5 | 78 - 99 | 160 + | 5 | 93 - 99 | 5.25-6.0 | 5 |
| 51 - 77 | 152 - 158 | 4 | 51 - 77 | 152 - 159 | 4 | 50 - 92 | 4.25-5.0 | 4 |
| 25 - 50 | 146 - 151 | 3 | 31 - 50 | 147 - 151 | 3 | 21 - 49 | 3.25-4.0 | 3 |
| 15 - 24 | 143 - 145 | 2 | 16 - 30 | 143 - 146 | 2 | 11 - 20 | 3.0-3.25 | 2 |
| 5 - 14 | 137 - 142 | 1 | 6 - 15 | 139 - 142 | 1 | -- | -- | -- |
| 0 - 4 | 130 - 135 | 0 | 0 - 5 | 131 - 138 | 0 | -- | -- | -- |

GRE scores must be less than 5 years old. No points will be awarded for a writing score that is less than 3.0. A minimum of 3 points is required on the writing subsection to progress to Criterion 3.

NOTE: A student must accumulate a total score of at least 10 points on Criterion 1 and 2 before advancing to Criterion 3.

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Criterion 3 Grade Point Average on all graduate work completed

| GPA | Points |
|-------------|---------------|
| 3.66 – 4.00 | 5 |
| 3.56 – 3.65 | 4 |
| 3.46 – 3.55 | 3 |
| 3.36 – 3.45 | 2 |
| 3.25 – 3.35 | 1 |

No points are awarded for a graduate GPA less than 3.25

Criterion 4 Portfolio/Structured Interview – Each student is required to develop an entrance portfolio and submit the original copy to the coordinator of the Doctoral Program. Applicants are also required to complete an on-campus writing portion. Additionally, an interview may be scheduled which would be track specific and further clarify portions of the portfolio requiring follow-up. The applicant will be notified by the Track Coordinator in a timely manner regarding the data of the interview and how to prepare. Portfolio guidelines and the rubric used to evaluate submitted portfolios are located on the COEHS website.

| Portfolio Rating | Points |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Exceptional – 3.0 | 5 |
| Superior – 2.5 | 4 |
| Competent – 2.0 | 3 |