

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 will be 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 criteria below; admission materials are reviewed by members of the DACC. Admission points will be awarded in each of the following areas: 1) Graduate Record Exam (GRE); 2) GRE Writing; 3) Grade Point Average (GPA) on graduate coursework; and 3) Portfolio/Structured interview. Specific point values for each of these criteria are as follows:

Criterion 1 Graduate Record Examination; Points earned in all three subtests will be added to give a GRE rating. Verbal and quantitative scores must each be at or above the 25th percentile.

Criterion 2 A writing score of at least 3.25 on the GRE writing examination

NOTES: GRE scores must be less than 5 years old. No points will be awarded for a GRE writing score below 3.25. A minimum of 3 points is required on the writing subsection to progress to Criterion 3. A student must accumulate a total score of at least 10 points on Criterion 1 and 2 before advancing to Criterion 3.

Verbal Subtest			Quantitative Subtest			Writing Assessment		
Percentile	Score	Points	Percentile	Score	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	-	-	-
5 - 14	137 – 142	1	6 - 15	137 – 142	1	-	-	-
0 – 4	130 – 136	0	0 - 5	131 – 138	0	-	-	-

Criterion 3 Grade Point Average on all graduate work completed

NOTES: No points will be awarded for a graduate GPA less than 3.25. The average graduate GPA will determine points earned.

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

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Criterion 3 Portfolio/Structured Interview – Each student will be required to develop an entrance portfolio and submit the original copy to the coordinator of the Doctoral Program. An interview may be scheduled which would be track specific and further clarify portions of the portfolio requiring follow-up. Portfolio guidelines are located on the COEHS website.

NOTES: A student must accumulate a total of at least 8 points on Criterion 3 and 4 to earn full admission. Portfolio ratings below 2 results in ineligibility for admission.

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