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Step 1. Requirements to Enter MAC Program

All applicants enter the Program as Conditional Admits. The specific requirements needed for an applicant to take a graduate course are as follows:

1. The completed Graduate Studies Application for Admission. (\$25.00 fee waived if completed online.)
2. Transcripts will be accepted from a college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission or other regional accrediting commissions which have been recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Official (sealed) transcripts sent directly from all previously attended colleges or universities. Applicants must have:
 - a. Earned a Bachelor's degree.
 - b. A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
* Applicants not meeting this criterion must take two credit hours of *COU 502: Introduction to Professional Counseling Identity* during the first two semesters and receive a grade of B- or better. During this semester, the Conditional Admit is not allowed to take more than 9 hours.
 - c. International applicants must complete the above requirements in addition to the International applicant requirements explained in the Graduate Catalog.

COUNSELING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (pg. 36)

COU 502. INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IDENTITY (1-2 sem. hr.) This class is an exploration and introduction to the field of professional counseling. Students will develop skills necessary to be successful in a graduate counseling program. This course will focus on exploring the roles and responsibilities of counselors and will also address professional identity and professional behavior. Additionally, students will explore strategies for personal and professional self-evaluation and implications for counseling practice. The 2nd credit hour is intended for students pending formal admission into the Graduate Studies in Counseling program, it will focus on issues and skills necessary to be successful in a graduate counseling program. (Fall, Spring)