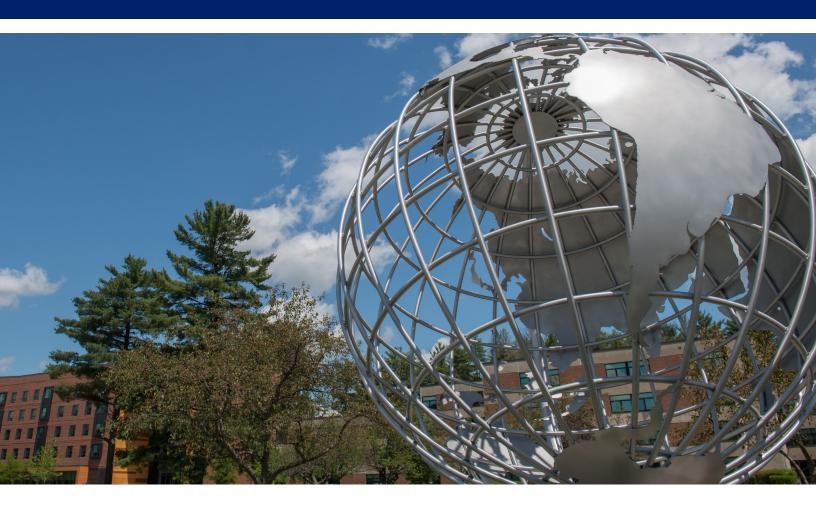
Graduate APPLICATION



IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 1

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (ALL LOCATIONS)
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL COHORT ONLY
(ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE)

M.A. IN COUNSELING APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL COHORT ONLY (ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE)

M.A. IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL COHORT ONLY (ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE)

MARCH 1

M.S. IN ACCOUNTING PREFERRED DEADLINE FOR FALL START

FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE (FASFA MUST BE FILED BY THIS DATE)

APRIL 1

PREFERRED DEADLINE FOR SUMMER ACCEPTANCE

JULY 1

PREFERRED DEADLINE FOR FALL ACCEPTANCE

NOVEMBER 1

PREFERRED DEADLINE FOR SPRING ACCEPTANCE

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education

at Westfield State University is proud to offer a variety of graduate programs designed to accommodate the personal and professional needs of today's busy student. With no difference between our in- and out-of-state tuition, Westfield State University is a great option for students all over the Northeast!

We share the values of the modern adult learner. Our high quality programs are affordable, flexible, and rewarding. We welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our programs, division, and university and also to guide you through the admission process. We encourage you to work with our outreach specialists who are here to answer your questions.



THE ADMISSION PROCESS

The purpose of graduate education at Westfield State University is to allow the student to develop as a scholar capable of original thinking and research in a professional career. A graduate degree represents more than a completion of a prescribed number of courses. It indicates that the student has performed successfully in a field of professional study and has developed specialized skills, independent judgment and scholarship necessary to be a Master in his or her respective discipline.

Applicants' qualifications are reviewed by individual departments as well as by the Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education. Criteria used in weighing each application include: undergraduate grade point average, professional training, references, standardized test scores (if applicable), as well as the individual's narrative statement on professional goals and reasons for desiring graduate education.

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education strongly recommends that you work with an outreach specialist during the application process. Please contact (413) 572-8020 to be connected to an outreach specialist. Applicants may also contact the Assistant Director of CGCE Admissions with questions at (413) 572-8022. More information about our programs, the university, and the application process, can be found at **gobacknow.com**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application to a graduate degree program at Westfield State University requires the following:

- Completed graduate application and \$50 application fee.
 (Fee waived for veterans).
- Official, sealed transcripts from all colleges or universities
 previously attended. If you attended more than one college,
 submit one transcript from each institution. Please have
 transcripts sent directly from your former college/university
 to the Graduate and Continuing Education office; opened
 transcripts will not be accepted.
- · Three letters of professional reference (forms enclosed).
- If applicable, official score report of either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Scores older than five years are not valid. Please see table at right for more information on standardized test requirements.
- A narrative statement. Each program has different requirements for their narrative statement. Please see the individual program insert or contact an outreach specialist for more details.
- · If applicable, a copy of your educator license.
- If applicable, a copy of passing score on the Communication and Literacy Portion of the Massachusetts test for Educator Licensure.
- \bullet A professional résumé is strongly recommended for applicants to Professional Licensure programs.
- · Proof of Residency form (enclosed).

International Students are also required to provide the following:

- Official English translations and a credential evaluation of all secondary and post-secondary transcripts.
- An official copy of passing scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
- · Bank-notarized Certification of Finances form.
- · A photocopy of applicant's current visa.

International applicants may obtain a credential evaluation of documents from: Center for Educational Documentation, Inc., PO Box 170116, Boston, MA 02117, (617) 338-7171.

DEADLINES

PROGRAM	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Master of Social Work*	February 1
Master of Arts in Counseling: Mental Health/ Forensic Mental Health	February 1
Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis	February 1
Master of Arts in Counseling: School Guidance/Adjustment Counseling	Priority Deadline: Feb. 1, Applications accepted year-round for a fall start
Master of Public Administration	Rolling Admissions
Master of Science in Criminal Justice	Rolling Admissions
Master of Education	Rolling Admissions
Master of Science in Accounting	Rolling Admissions, preferred deadline of April 1
Master of Arts in English	Rolling Admissions
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies	August 1

STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAM	TESTING REQUIREMENT
Master of Social Work*	No Test Required
Master of Arts in Counseling: Mental Health/Forensic Mental Health	GRE or MAT; waived for WSU alum with a 3.5 or higher
Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis	GRE or MAT; waived for WSU Alum with a 3.5 or higher
Master of Arts in Counseling: School Guidance/ Adjustment Counseling	MTEL only
Master of Public Administration	GRE or MAT; waived for WSU alum with a 3.5 or higher
Master of Science in Criminal Justice	GRE or MAT; waived for WSU alum with a 3.3 or higher
Master of Science in Accounting	No Test Required
Master of Arts in English	GRE or MAT; waived for alum with a 3.5 or higher
Master of Education: Initial Licensure programs	MTEL; GRE or MAT required for secondary and Vocational Ed programs only; GRE/MAT waived for alum with a 3.5 or higher
Master of Education: Professional Licensure programs	GRE or MAT required for secondary and Vocational Ed programs only; GRE/MAT waived for alum with a 3.5 or higher

*Please note: the Master of Social Work program and the Physician Assistant Studies program have their own applications. Please do not use this standard graduate application if you are applying to these programs.

DEPOSITS

Applicants to the Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis, Master of Arts in Counseling, and Master of Social Work program should note that there is a non-refundable deposit of \$150 due if accepted into the program. Instructions for submitting your deposit will be contained in your official letter of acceptance. Applicants in the M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies require a \$1,000 enrollment fee.

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^{**}Candidates without licensure, but with appropriate experience in school settings, may be considered for admission.

Counseling Programs	Certificate Program
Applied Behavior Analysis (deadline 2/1)*	Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate (deadline 2/1)*
School Guidance Counseling (Priority deadline 2/1, applications accepted year-round for a fall start.)*	Important Notice: Admissions decisions will be sent by April 15. Please visit our website at westfield.ma.edu/psychology for more information on admission into the graduate psychology program.
PreK-8 5-12	An interview may be required and dates are published on the website.
Mental Health Counseling (deadline 2/1)*	
Forensic Mental Health Counseling (deadline 2/1)*	
Adjustment Counseling (deadline 2/1)*	
*Late applications may be considered.	
12. If you possess a classroom teaching certificate, please attach a copy of In which state(s) are you certified to teach?	Level(s)
Please indicate precise number of years of teaching experience in role 13. Test Score Requirements: Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Mille	er Analogies Test (MAT); scores older than five years will not be accepted.
Please complete the appropriate statement:	
I have taken the GRE on (date); scores sent to We	
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Note: Initial Licensure candidates must submit a copy of Communicati Education office does not receive MTEL scores directly from the Massa	ion and Literacy Skills Test results. The College of Graduate and Continuing achusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
OFFICIAL COPY OF TEST SCORES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WESTFIELD ST	TATE UNIVERSITY BEFORE AN APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.
14. Honors or other special recognition of high scholarship or professional publications, etc.)	endeavors (honor societies, leadership roles in community organizations,

15. Disciplinary and Criminal Informatio	n	
Have you ever been placed on proba	ation or suspended for disciplinary reasons?Yes	No
In the case of transfer students, hav	re you ever been refused admission to a college or university for	disciplinary reasons?YesNo
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Have you ever been convicted of a fe	elony?YesNo	
If you answered yes, enclose on a se Your application will be considered i	eparate sheet an explanation of the circumstances leading to cr incomplete without this information.	iminal conviction.
16. REFERENCES: List three professiona	al references.* Reference forms are enclosed.	
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*Students may not resubmit referer	nces from another program, although you may request referenc	es from the same individuals.
17. Please complete and attach a narra	tive statement of your professional goals and reasons for wanti	ng to pursue the concentration that you have selected.
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Proof of Residency

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES

These rules and regulations shall apply to the classification of students at Westfield State University as Massachusetts or non-Massachusetts students for tuition purposes.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- ACADEMIC PERIOD A term or semester in an academic year or a summer session, as prescribed by the Board of Trustees or under their authority
- CONTINUOUS ATTENDANCE Enrollment at the University for the normal academic year in each calendar year, or the appropriate portion or portions of such academic year as prescribed by the Board of Trustees or under their authority.
- DOMICILE A person's true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation, where he intends to remain permanently or for an indefinite time.
- 4) EMANCIPATED PERSON A person (a) who has attained the age of 18 years of age, or (b) if under 18 years of age, whose parents have entirely surrendered the right to the care, custody and earnings of such person and who no longer are under any legal obligation to support or maintain such persons, or (c) a person who has no parent. If none of the foresaid definitions apply, said person shall be deemed an "unemancipated person."
- 5) HIS Shall apply to the female as well as male gender.
- 6) PARENT With respect to a person (in the case of an adopted person, inserting the adjective "adoptive" before the words "father and "mother" whenever used)
 - a) the person's father;
 - b) if the person's father dies, either the legal guardian or if no legal guardian is appointed, the person's mother;
 - c) if neither the father nor mother is living and no legal guardian is appointed, the person who then stands in loco parentis to the person;
 - d) if the father and mother are divorced, the person to whom legal custody of the person is awarded;
 - e) if the father and mother are divorced, separated or unmarried and legal custody has not been awarded, the father or the mother, as the case may be, with whom the person lives or, if he lives with neither and the father is living, the father.
- 7) RESIDENCE A place of habitation

SECTION 2. RULES FOR DETERMINATION OF DOMICILE

- 1) Domicile is not acquired by mere physical presence in Massachusetts while the person is carrying on a course of study at the UNIVERSITY or while the person is engaged in employment for a specified term unless Massachusetts is otherwise the domicile of the person.
- 2) Domicile at birth may be changed thereafter, by action of the parent in the case of an unemancipated person or by action of the person himself in the case of an emancipated person.
- 3) A person claiming Massachusetts as his domicile shall furnish evidence to support such claim. The following shall be of probative value, although not necessarily conclusive, in support of a claim of domicile within Massachusetts:
 - (a) Birth certificate;
 - (b) Motor vehicle registration and/or operator's license;
 - (c) Voting or registration for voting;
 - (d) Certified copies of Federal and State Income Tax returns;
 - (e) Property ownership;
 - (f) Continuous physical presence in Massachusetts during periods when not enrolled as a student;
 - (g) Permanent employment in a position not normally filed by a student;
 - (h) Reliance on Massachusetts sources for financial support;
 - (i) Former domicile in Massachusetts and maintenance of significant connections therein while absent;
 - (j) Domicile of parent within Massachusetts. Evidence submitted in support of an assertion of domicile or of parental relationship shall be in such form as Westfield State University may require. Copies of official records or documents shall be authenticated by a proper officer. Assertions of fact made other than by an authenticated copy of an official record shall be certified as to accuracy and completeness by the person submitting the same.

SECTION 3. PROOF OF PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP

A person asserting that he is an emancipated person shall furnish evidence to support such assertion. Such evidence may include:

- a) Birth certificate or any other legal document that shows place and date of birth;
- b) Legal guardianship papers: court appointment and termination must be submitted;
- c) Statements of the person, his parent(s), guardian(s), or others certifying no financial support;
- d) Certified copies of Federal and State Income Tax returns filed by the person and his parent(s);
- e) Where none of the foregoing can be provided, an affidavit of the emancipated person in explanation thereof and stating fully the grounds supporting the claims of emancipation.

SECTION 4. RULES FOR CLASSIFICATION

- 1) Every emancipated person applying for admissions to the University who has maintained a residence in Massachusetts for a period of no less than one continuous calendar year next preceding the date of his application and has established a domicile in Massachusetts shall be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes
- 2) Every unemancipated person applying for admissions to the University whose parent had maintained a residence in Massachusetts for a period of no less than one continuous calendar year preceding the date of application and has established a domicile in Massachusetts, shall be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes.
- 3) Every emancipated person seeking a change of classification who has maintained a residence in Massachusetts for a period of no less than one continuous calendar year next preceding the beginning date of the academic period for which he registers and has established a domicile in Massachusetts shall be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes for such academic period.
- 4) Every unemancipated person seeking a change in classification whose parent has maintained a residence in Massachusetts for a period of no less than one continuous calendar year next preceding the beginning date of the academic period for which the person registers and has established a domicile in Massachusetts shall be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts student for tuitions purposes for such academic period.
- 5) A person having his domicile elsewhere than in Massachusetts shall not be eligible for classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes except as herein provided.
- 6) Any person who is registered at the University as a Massachusetts student shall be eligible for continued classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes (until attainment of the degree for which he is then enrolled) during continuous attendance at such institution.
- 7) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States and his/ her spouse and unemacipated children shall, while he/she is on active duty and stationed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be eligible for classification as Massachusetts students for tuition purposes.

SECTION 5. CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

No application for change to classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes submitted later than the first day of classes shall affect a classification during the then current academic period.

SECTION 6. PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION

Misrepresentation in or omission from any evidence submitted of any fact which if correctly or completely stated would be grounds to deny classification as a Massachusetts student for tuition purposes shall be cause for exclusion or expulsion from or other disciplinary action by the university.

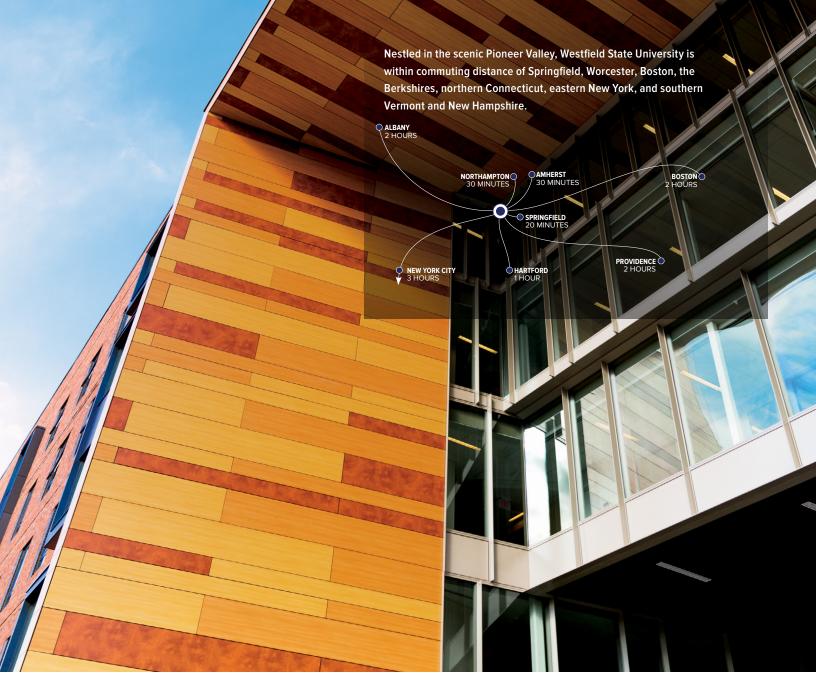
SECTION 7. APPEALS

Appeals from a determination denying classification as a Massachusetts student shall be initiated by filing a written request with the Bursar of the University or his/her designee specifying the particular grounds for said request.

SECTION 8. MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting the authority of the Board of Trustees to waive or reduce tuition charges.

ADMISSION APPLICATION CHECKLIST				
A check or money order for \$50.00 payable to Westfield State University is enclosed	If applicable, official scores of either the MAT or GRE tests			
Official transcripts from each school listed have been sent directly from the school or college in a sealed envelope, or will be forwarded	If applicable, a copy of your educator license If applicable, copies of passing scores in the Communication and Literacy Skills portion of the			
Proof of Residency form Narrative statement	Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure Proof of immunization including Hepatitis B (All criminal justice majors and licensure candidates)			
Three professional references	Professional resume recommended			



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