Admission Requirements

All students, freshman or transfer students (advanced standing), applying to the College of Professional Studies must submit a completed application, writing essay, official transcripts from a high school or institution granting GED and, if appropriate, official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions. An applicant's entire academic performance will be evaluated in making an admissions decision.

If an applicant was enrolled or registered at another institution since graduating from high school, official transcripts from such schools must be sent electronically or via U.S. Postal Service to the College of Professional Studies. Generally a minimum average of 2.000 (on a 4.000 scale) in college work is needed for consideration.

Non-degree applicants to the College of Professional Studies should refer to the Admission and Readmission section of this bulletin.

International applicants should contact the Office of International Education.

Acceleration Opportunities

Marquette recognizes that adults have knowledge from personal and professional experiences that enrich their college experience significantly. Academic advisers evaluate each student's background to design a personalized plan for completing the degree. Students have a variety of ways to apply credit toward their degree:

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Tests

Degree credits may be earned for certain college courses through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Individuals who have acquired relevant knowledge outside the college classroom are encouraged to take the appropriate CLEP test(s). A maximum of 30 credits earned through CLEP examinations may be applied to a Marquette degree. Credit is granted for approved subject examinations only. Students should consult the university Admission and Readmission section of this bulletin for a listing of approved exams.

Marquette Credit by Examination

In recognition that students may possess mastery of the content of a particular course which they have not registered, they can petition the college office to establish a testing procedure whereby the student can demonstrate his/her knowledge. Refer to the university Academic Regulations section of this bulletin.

Transfer Credits

The College of Professional Studies accepts credit from both two and four year educational institutional in accordance with the university Transfer Credit Policy. Credits will be accepted on the basis of their relevance to the requirements of the program and grade earned is a C or better. Once enrolled as a student in the College of Professional Studies prior approval is required for course work completed at other accredited institutions. Contact the college admissions/records coordinator with any questions or concerns regarding transfer credits.

The College of Professional Studies and Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) have several two-year articulation transfer agreements for students who graduate with an associate's degree in designated programs and want to continue their education by earning a bachelor's degree through the college. Generally, these agreements allow entering WCTC students into the College of Professional Studies at junior status. Students can attend full-time and complete their degree in approximately two years; attending part-time will extend the time to graduation. For specific programs and additional information see the college's Two Year Transfer Agreements website.