

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Step 2 and 3: Choosing the way to apply (paper or online) & which graduate track (degree-seeking or non-degree seeking)

We welcome your application for admission to the Graduate School of Valparaiso University. The mission of the Graduate School is to serve the advanced learning, professional development, and personal enrichment needs of individuals regionally and nationally. The Graduate School admits students that demonstrate the ability and motivation to succeed in an academically challenging environment.

Two ways of applying You have the option of completing your application online and submitting it electronically or downloading the application in [Adobe PDF](#) format. When entering your application data online please do not press the "Return" key until all information has been entered. You may press the "Tab" key to move from a question box to another.

The PDF applications come packaged with all of the necessary forms, including the forms for submitting letters of recommendation. If you are submitting you application online, you will need to get the forms for submitting letters of recommendation from the [forms](#) page.

Recommendation Forms All prospective degree-seeking students must submit recommendations, although the content requested and number required varies by program. Students applying for the School Counseling, School Psychology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, or Community Counseling programs should note that they are required to submit the provided recommendation forms, which may be accompanied by a letter if the recommender wishes to elaborate. Master of Education and LEAPS prospects also have specific forms that must be submitted. Students applying to other programs have the option of submitting either the provided forms or individualized letters, although recommenders are encouraged to address the content areas listed in the forms.

[Recommendation forms are available as both PDF files and secure online forms on the "Forms" section of the Graduate School website.](#) The secure recommendation forms must be initiated by the prospective student before the recommenders are contacted. Paper versions are also available at the Graduate School office.

If you plan to seek a Masters Degree or Post-Masters Certificate... To apply to a program online click on the keyboard and mouse icon. Note the additional requirements.

Download Application PDF	Apply Online	Program	2 Recommendation Letters	Certified Transcripts	Reflective Essay	Supplemental Application	RN License	GMAT	PPST
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		MA in Arts & Entertainment Administration	✓	✓	✓				
		MA in Chinese Studies (including Teachers Track)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		MA in Counseling or Clinical Mental Health Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		MA in English Studies & Communication	✓	✓	✓				
		MA in Liberal Studies (MALS) *	✓	✓	✓				
		Dual JD/MA in Chinese Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		Dual JD/MA in Liberal Studies (MALS)*	✓	✓	✓				
		Dual JD/MA in Psychology or Dual JD/MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		Master of Business Administration (MBA)	✓	✓	✓			✓	

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		Dual JD/ Master of Business Administration (MBA)	✓	✓	✓			✓	
		M.Ed. in Initial Licensure or	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
		M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		M.Ed. in Initial Licensure-LEAPs ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
		M.Ed. / Ed.S. in School Counseling	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		M.Ed. / Ed.S. in School Psychology	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		Master of Engineering Management	✓	✓	✓			✓	
		MS in Digital Media	✓	✓	✓				
		MS in Information Technology & Management	✓	✓	✓	✓			
		MS in International Commerce & Policy	✓	✓	✓				
		MS in International Economics & Finance	✓	✓	✓				
		MS in Nursing Education (MSN)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

		MS in Nursing (MSN) / Master of Business Administration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		MSN/ Doctorate of Nursing Practice ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		BSN/ Doctorate of Nursing Practice ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
		MS in Sports Administration	✓	✓	✓				
		MS in Sports Media	✓	✓	✓				
		Dual JD/MS in International Commerce & Policy	✓	✓	✓				
		Dual JD/MS in Sports Administration	✓	✓	✓				

***MALS & JD / MALS Areas of Concentration**

- English
- Ethics & Values
- Gerontology
- History
- Human Behavior & Society
- Theology / Theology & Ministry (includes Deaconess Track)
- Individualized

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		Teacher Certification (Transition-to-Teaching, Addition of Content Area, or Licensure in Special Education)	✓ ¹	✓	✓	✓		✓ ²	✓ ³
		Professional Educator (License Renewal)				✓	✓		
		Visiting Student					✓		
		Graduate Non-Degree Student (Personal Enrichment)		✓					
		Graduate Non-Degree Certificate Programs	✓ ⁴	✓	✓				

¹ M.Ed. in Initial Licensure-LEAPs, MSN/DNP, BSN/DNP, & Transition-to-Teaching requires 3 Letters of Recommendation. ² License is required for content area addition and Licensure in Special Education applications only. ³ Necessary only for those individuals seeking a first-time teaching license. ⁴ 1 Letter of Recommendation Required.

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