VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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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 nationally and internationally. The Graduate School admits students that demonstrate the ability and motivation to succeed in an academically challenging environment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered for admission, ALL applicants must provide:
- This application form, completed and signed.
- $30 application fee for US Citizens ($20 application fee for students applying to a dual degree program).
- Official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework. If you have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Valparaiso University, you are not required to submit an official transcript from Valparaiso University.

IF YOU PLAN TO SEEK A MASTERS DEGREE OR POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE...

Check the program to which you are applying and note the additional requirements:

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- English
- Ethics & Values
- Gerontology
- History
- Human Behavior & Society
- Individualized Other (please specify topic area):
- Theology/Theology & Ministry (includes Deaconess Track)

IF YOU ARE NOT SEEKING A DEGREE...

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** Transition-to-Teaching requires 3 Letters of Recommendation.
*** Necessary only for those individuals seeking a first-time teaching license.
**** License is required for content area applications only.
I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _________________________________________________________________________________________

First Name                      Middle Name                      Last Name                      Former Name

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Number & Street                      City                      State                      Zip

Day Phone (circle: home or office)                      Cell Phone                      Fax Number                      Email

Social Security Number                      Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Gender: ☐ Male                      ☐ Female

US Citizen (including Permanent Resident): ☐ Yes                      ☐ No; if no, in what country are you a citizen?

Race (Optional):
1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes                      ☐ No
2. Are you from one or more of the following (please check all that apply):
   ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native                      ☐ Asian                      ☐ Black or African American
   ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Island                      ☐ White

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College/University                      Location                      Dates of Attendance                      Degree/Credits Earned

1. _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

2. _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

3. _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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5. _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

   NOTE: Official transcripts of all college work must be received before you will be allowed to take graduate courses at Valparaiso University.

List recognitions, awards, or scholarships that you have received, or co-curricular or community/civic activities in which you have been involved.
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Have you ever been dismissed or placed on academic probation at Valparaiso University or another academic institution?
☐ No                      ☐ Yes; If yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

A. Anticipated year/term to begin: 20______                      ☐ August (Fall)                      ☐ January (Spring)                      ☐ May (Summer)

B. Full or part-time plans:
   ☐ Full (9 or more credits)                      ☐ Part (8 or fewer credits)

C. Expected course schedule:
   ☐ Day                      ☐ Evening                      ☐ Both

If you are seeking a degree or a certificate, in how many years or semesters do you plan to complete the program?* _______________________________

* NOTE: Most programs require completion within 5 years of admission.
IV. EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND (If you have professional experience, include your resume with this application.)

Name: ________________________________________ Job Title/Description: ________________________________________

Work Phone Number: (_____) _____________________ Work Address: ____________________________________________

May we contact you at work? ☐ Yes ☐ Prefer Not

Will you receive employer reimbursement? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don’t Know

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ☐ No ☐ Yes; if yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.

NOTE: Some states have restrictions on licensing or professionally credentialing an individual with a criminal record.

V. SELECTION OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

How did you learn about Valparaiso University? (check all that apply)

☐ College Adviser ☐ Valpo Alumni ☐ Professor ☐ Recruiter

☐ Relative/Friend ☐ Religious Organization ☐ Printed Material ☐ Reference Material

☐ Internet Site (which site) ______________________

☐ Other (please specify) ______________________________________________________________________________________

Please list other graduate schools you are considering or to which you are applying:
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Order the factor(s) (1 = most important) that will affect your choice for graduate school (rank all that apply).

_____ Reputation _____ Accreditation _____ Program of Study _____ Good Value for Cost

_____ Location _____ Other (please specify) ______________________________________________________________________________________

VI. REFLECTIVE ESSAY

All applicants, except professional educators, visiting students, and general non-degree students, are required to submit a two-page personal statement or reflective essay indicating their purpose for undertaking graduate study and how this study relates to their professional and personal goals. This statement must be typed double-spaced on separate sheets and submitted with the application materials. Please note that the supplemental application for some degree programs provides further instructions for the personal statement.

The decision for admission to the Graduate School is not final until all required application materials have been received. Applicants granted conditional permission to register for classes may not be allowed to continue their coursework if they do not satisfy the admission requirements.

“I submit this application as a true and complete statement of facts for your consideration.”

Signature of Applicant Required __________________________ Date __________________________

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. OFFICE USE ONLY.

APPLICATION APPROVED: ___________________________ SENT TO COMMITTEE: ____________________________
APPLICATION DENIED: ____________________________ DEAN’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________
APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED: __________________ DATE: ______________________
ALL STUDENTS

1. NAME: __________________________________________

2. What is your academic background in Communications?
   a. Undergraduate Communications or Media major or related
   b. Undergraduate Communications or Media minor or related (Writing, Journalism, etc.)
   c. Graduate coursework in Communications or Media: list degree or number of credits earned: ______
   d. Fewer than 15 credits (5 courses) in Communications, Media or related field

3. If you have had fewer than 15 credits in graduate and/or undergraduate Communications or Media, please list all coursework, grades, and credit hours in both Communications or Media and related fields.

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4. If you do not meet the qualifications necessary for admission, what other reasons and/or work experiences should be considered? Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS ONLY)

1. Please indicate other experiences that demonstrate your proficiency with English language:
   a. English language immersion program (include copy of certificate)
   b. ESL Program and level (include copy of certificate)
   c. TOEFL or IELTS score (if known) ________
   d. Other (please specify) __________

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Signature: ______________________________ ______________________________
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SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:
Office of the Graduate School, Kretzmann Hall Room 116, 1700 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Upon receipt of all admission materials, the Committee on Admissions for the graduate Media & Communications programs will review the file. The applicant will be notified in writing of the committee’s decision. Questions should be addressed to the Office of the Graduate School at 219.464.5313 or 1.800.821.768.
**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**APPLICANT:**
Please complete this section and give this form to the person making the recommendation, together with a stamped, pre-addressed envelope.

- **Applicant’s Name (print):** __________________________________________________________
- **Academic Program (print):** ______________________________________________________
- **Recommender’s Name (print):** ____________________________________________________

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Please select one of the following options and sign: I hereby [ ] waive [ ] do not waive my right.

- **Signature** __________________________________________  Date __________________________

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**TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION FORM:**
The above named person has applied for admission to Graduate School at Valparaiso University. Your comments and candid evaluation will greatly assist the Office of the Graduate School in deciding the extent to which the applicant will benefit from and contribute to the Graduate Program. We sincerely appreciate the time that you take to provide us with your comments.

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