

Chapter 3 – Educational Policies

Board Policy 3.4 Undergraduate Admissions

Part 1. Purpose

To establish standards that facilitate the admission process for prospective students

Part 2. Definitions

Admission

A student's initial entrance into a Minnesota state college or university as a candidate for a certificate, diploma, or degree.

College

A authorized to offer certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees.

University

A university authorized to offer certificates, and associate, bachelors, masters, doctoral and professional degrees.

Part 3. Admissions

Consistent with their specific missions, colleges and universities shall consider for admission students who are able to benefit from the educational offerings.

Colleges shall be committed to open admissions with required minimum standards. Universities shall set admissions standards based on student achievement of a high school diploma or its equivalent, completion of specific high school courses, and academic performance standards.

All colleges and universities shall provide clear, accessible information to potential students regarding admissions requirements.

Academic and career programs may have additional admission requirements. Admission to a college or university does not guarantee subsequent admission to such programs.

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Date and Subject of Amendments:

- 10/17/18 The detailed policy language relating to the admission "process" was deleted from the policy, and will be added to System Procedure 3.4.1 Undergraduate Admissions. Language was added that addresses open admissions at colleges, various standards for universities depending on the program, and any additional admission requirements that are involved with academic or career programs.
- 7/20/11 Amended Part 2 to consider students for admission. Amended Part 3 to require a passing score on the Ability to Benefit Test for students who do not have a high school diploma or a GED. Amended Part 4, A2 to allow state universities to use the high school grade point average as an admission criterion when the class rank is not available.

Additional HISTORY.