

**Master of Science in Information Assurance and Security**  
**Background Acknowledgment Form**

Capella University's Master of Science in Information Assurance and Security program features many courses that require learners to draw upon their academic and professional experience. The purpose of this form is to ensure that Capella enrolls you in the program path designed to produce the most positive results based on your IT-related experience.

To ensure Capella has an accurate record of your education and/or professional experience, this form must be submitted by each applicant. Your admission application will not be complete and will not be considered until this form has been received by Capella University\*.

By checking the boxes below and submitting this form, you, the applicant, acknowledge that you possess the appropriate academic or professional background to enroll in the *Master of Science in Information Assurance and Security* program.

Current (or most recent) Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must select one box to be considered for admission to the MS-IAS program:

I acknowledge that I hold an undergraduate degree in Information Technology, Information Systems, Computer Science or similar technology-related degree.

OR

I acknowledge that I have at least three years of work experience in information technology and can confidently say that I meet these criteria:

- I am able to configure basic network configurations (hub, server, router).
- I understand the processing and memory of computer systems; the key requirements of a DBMS; the difference between data and information; how to use a tool such as SQL to create a database report; as well as wired, wireless, and 3G/4G networks and how they are used.
- I have used several operating systems; several data modeling best practices; and know when to use on-premise vs. cloud-based network solutions.
- I know the difference between input, processing, and output devices and the difference between a LAN and a WAN.
- I am able to differentiate between programming languages and tools used to generate reports; and can describe different types of business information systems; as well as the key components of the System Development Life Cycle.

Applicants who are unable to check one of these boxes should **NOT submit this form** and **should instead** contact the Enrollment Services department at 1-888-CAPELLA to discuss their IT program options.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

**Please complete, print and sign this form. You can fax it to Capella University toll free at 1-888-227-8492 or scan and e-mail it to [efaxdocmgmt@capella.edu](mailto:efaxdocmgmt@capella.edu) or mail it to Capella University, Capella Tower 225 South 6<sup>th</sup> street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Attn: DMMS, Minneapolis, MN 55402-4319**

\* Please note that you must also meet all other Capella admission requirements.