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CONGRATULATIONS!

You’ve taken the first step in continuing your education. Now, see how Capella University offers the right support and the most direct path to meeting your goals.
Capella University is an accredited online university and a national leader in online education, offering graduate, undergraduate, and certificate programs that deliver results for working adults. Through our online programs, students develop the knowledge, skills, and expertise to become leaders in a wide range of professional fields.

The Capella University community

Accreditation matters
It means that our university meets recognized standards of quality for faculty, curriculum, student services, and fiscal stability.

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Recognized for excellence

Capella has achieved several specialized and program-specific accreditations, recognitions, and designations.

• Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)*
• Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)
• Association for Play Therapy (APT)
• Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)
• Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)
• Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)†
• Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
• Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
• National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL)
• National Security Agency and U.S. Department of Homeland Security
• National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
• Project Management Institute (PMI®) Global Accreditation Center for Project Management (PMI-GAC)‡
• Quality Matters™
• ROI Institute™

*The FlexPath format for BS in Information Technology is not accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org
**The FlexPath format for the Project Management specializations is not accredited by Project Management Institute (PMI®) Global Accreditation Center for Project Management (PMI-GAC).
†The BSN, MSN, and DNP programs at Capella University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).
Get to know Capella University

Career relevance and measurable outcomes

We start by defining the essential learning outcomes for each program, based on academic standards and employers’ insights about what it takes to excel in the field. Our curriculum is designed around these outcomes so we can measure the progress of each student and the success of each course, instructor, and program.

Support in and out of your courses

At Capella, you’ll join a community of people who share your enthusiasm and commitment to learning, including our dedicated faculty and staff. Their guidance will support your success from the very start.

In each Capella course, you’ll collaborate with faculty and other students with unique life and work experiences who can keep you highly motivated and involved throughout your program. Beyond your online courseroom, Capella librarians, writing coaches, career counselors, and other support staff will help you reach your goals.

Our curriculum is designed around these outcomes so we can measure the progress of each student and the success of each course, instructor, and program.
Valuing what you bring to the table

Professional experience is worth a lot at Capella. Everyone brings unique perspectives and real-world situations to their education. Faculty members blend theory with industry practice and their own experience. And our courses are designed for you to develop skills and knowledge that you can apply in your current and future job.

We select instructors for their academic credentials and relevant professional experience. Our faculty members understand what you need, because they’re trained to facilitate learning in the online environment—some have earned degrees online themselves. A key part of their instructional method is encouraging you to share current workplace challenges as problem-solving opportunities for the entire class.

What you've already learned may help you gain course credit. When you return to school, you’ll probably want to know if you can apply prior coursework, work experience, and professional training to find the most direct path to your goals. Since credit and entrance requirements can vary by program, there is no single answer for how many courses you will need or how much your tuition will cost.

But there is one way to find the answers you need: speak to an enrollment counselor.

An enrollment counselor can help you determine whether learning achieved through previous coursework may transfer into our degree programs. Nonclassroom learning may also be eligible for credit through our Prior Learning Assessment process, depending on your program. If you are applying for a bachelor's program, you may be able to gain credit for military training through ACE-recommended credits and CCAF transfer credits, as well as national testing exams like CLEP and DSST.

After this review of your educational background, an enrollment counselor can provide an estimate of time needed to complete your degree, as well as information you need to calculate costs.

Your coursework’s designed to give you skills you can apply in your workplace.
Financing your education

MAKING THE EDUCATION INVESTMENT

Earning a degree from Capella University has the potential to offer you a lot in return for your time and effort: career growth, greater marketability, and more respect as a professional in your field. Now, find out how you could increase the value even more by reducing the cost of your education investment. Talk to an enrollment counselor about potential direct and indirect savings available to Capella students.

Visit our website to review our tuition and fees and learn more about financing options at Capella.

1. You can apply for financial aid.

Regardless of your income or perceived level of need, you can apply for financial aid to help with the cost of your Capella education. Options include:

- Military Tuition Assistance benefits
- VA education benefits
- Grants
- Scholarships
- Federal aid (such as Federal Direct loans)
- Private loans

Our online financial aid application makes the process accessible and simple.

Find more options for financial support on our Tuition & Financial Aid page.

2. You may be eligible for special benefits.

If your employer or community college has an alliance with Capella University, or you are a service member or veteran, you may be eligible for:

- Tuition discounts
- Tuition reimbursement
- Tuition assistance or veterans benefits

3. Your degree may be closer than you think.

Previous coursework from regionally accredited or internationally recognized institutions may transfer directly to your degree program, and reduce the number of credits needed to complete your program.

In bachelor's and select master's programs, a Prior Learning Assessment is available to evaluate and award academic credit for the knowledge you've gained outside of academic coursework.

To award academic credit, Capella faculty evaluate the knowledge you can articulate in a written petition or through knowledge you've demonstrated by earning select certifications that align with our curriculum.
Leading employers

Employers recognize the value of a Capella University degree. Hundreds of companies and organizations have supported education at Capella through formal alliances with the university. If you are affiliated with a Capella education alliance partner, you may be eligible for special benefits, including tuition discounts. Many other organizations, including corporations and government agencies, support employees through tuition reimbursement.

Employer partnerships

More than 600 organizations—including corporations, health care organizations, and community colleges—invest in their employees by partnering with Capella to offer discounted education programs. Whether you’re a student making the transition to a four-year degree program or a college faculty or staff member seeking a graduate degree, if your institution has an alliance with Capella University, you could benefit.

U.S. military

Capella offers a 10 percent discount on graduate programs and a 15 percent discount on bachelor’s programs for our students with a military affiliation. You might be eligible if you are:

- An active-duty service member or spouse
- A veteran
- A member of the National Guard or Reserve component
- A civilian employee of the Department of Defense
- A member of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration or U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

Capella is a participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program as a part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

Capella University is affiliated with Defense Acquisition University and is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges. Learn more about the many programs available to armed forces personnel.

GI Bill is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.
As you consider earning a degree while the rest of your life moves forward, you need to know what kind of support is available along the way. We’re here to help you achieve the goals you set for your career and your education.

Supporting you all the way

BEFORE YOU ENROLL

WE WILL

• Introduce you to specializations that align with your goals
• Answer financial aid questions and guide you through your options
• Walk you through the application process
• Help you get to know the online learning environment

DURING YOUR PROGRAM

WE WILL

• Help you map out a personalized path to graduation
• Answer questions about program requirements, billing, financial aid, academic resources, and university policies
• Provide coaching to help you achieve your academic goals
• Offer resources and tools to strengthen your academic and professional skills

AFTER YOU GRADUATE

WE WILL

• Offer ways to stay connected to the Capella community
• Provide career resources, including sample résumés and interview preparation
• Support your continued academic and professional development
• Share volunteer, networking, and professional development opportunities
Research seminars and residencies: Advancing skills, expanding community

Entering a graduate degree program at Capella University starts you on a fulfilling journey of professional and personal transformation. Research seminars and residencies—intensive, on-site and online courses—are a highlight of many Capella graduate programs. Throughout these experiences, you will apply and enhance the skills that you develop in your program coursework. These experiences also provide the opportunity for networking and community building with your peers and instructors to support your academic and professional development.

As a doctoral student, you will work on developing your research skills as part of your path to success in the dissertation or capstone phase of your program. If you’re working on a master’s degree, you’ll begin developing your clinical and counseling skills in preparation for site-based learning and the experience you need to pursue your future career goals.

Depending on the graduate program, you’ll enroll in a specific research seminar or residency as part of the required curriculum. Each session occurs at a key point in your educational development. Research seminars or residencies are required for all PhD, PsyD, DBA, DEM, DIT, DPA, DSW, and select master’s specializations.

Requirements at a glance
Residencies are held in major U.S. cities. While there, you’ll be part of a community of learning colleagues and faculty, participating in small and large academic sessions, and clinical skills labs. Does not apply to DBA and DIT.

**PhD**
3 research seminars; each includes a 6-week online course with 4-day residency

**PsyD in Clinical Psychology**
Year-in-Residence; includes 2 extended seminars and 4 weeks-in-residence

**PsyD in School Psychology**
8 residencies over the course of three years

**DBA**
2 residency courses; each includes a 10-week online course with 4-day residency

**DIT**
3 residency courses; each includes a 10-week online course with 4-day residency

**DEM**
2 research seminars; each includes a 6-week online course with 4-day residency

**DPA**
2 research seminars; each includes a 6-week online course with 4-day residency

**DSW**
2 research seminars; each includes a 6-week online course with 4-day residency

**MS in Addiction Studies**
1 residency; includes a 6-week online course with 6-day residency

**MS in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling**
2 residencies; each includes a 6-week online course with 6-day residency

**MS in Clinical Psychology, Clinical Counseling and Sex Therapy specializations**
3 residencies; each includes a 10-week online course with 6-day residency

**MSW**
2 residencies; each includes a 10-week online course with 5-day residency

**MSW, Advanced Standing**
1 residency; includes a 10-week online course with 5-day residency
Capella alumni: Achieving great things

Capella University's rigorous academic programs are designed to be both relevant and marketable. That could translate into accelerated career growth, increased respect, and higher achievement in your field.

Our graduates put their education to good use. As a Capella graduate, you will enjoy ongoing access to Career Center services, which can help you with career planning and job searches.

When you graduate, you know you've met high standards—and you join a community of alumni with inspiring accomplishments.
Online Education. Two Ways.

Each of us has unique preferences for the way we learn. That’s why Capella University offers two online learning formats—GuidedPath and FlexPath—to give you options. Both offer 100% competency-based learning.

Not sure which learning path to choose? Take our Path Finder Quiz to find out or register for a free trial course to experience a format for yourself.

**GUIDED PATH™**

- **Preset path from start to finish**
  Start each week with a new set of activities and assignments, each due at the end of the following week

- **Pay-per-credit/course**
  The familiar way to pay for your tuition with price varying by course load or term—you pay for what you take

- **Interactive setting**
  Learners participate in online discussions with faculty and classmates, plus regular advisor check-ins

**FLEX PATH™**

- **Self-paced**
  Set your own deadlines, move through courses at your own speed

- **Pace determines price**
  Complete as many courses as you want, up to two simultaneously, every 12 weeks for one flat tuition fee*

- **1:1 engagement**
  Learners receive support from tutors (in select courses), detailed feedback from faculty, and personalized planning from coaches

*Books, supplies, and other fees may apply
**GUIDEDPATH™**

WHERE STRUCTURE AND FLEXIBILITY COEXIST

We know you’re busy. With GuidedPath, you can learn with a structured format that can help you stay on track with preset deadlines.

At the same time, courses in the GuidedPath format are flexible enough to let you develop schoolwork habits that work with your personal schedule.

All of our degree programs are available through the GuidedPath learning format.

**How GuidedPath works**

GuidedPath is our original online format. You’ll have deadlines for weekly assignments and discussions to stay on task.

Learn more about GuidedPath.

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**Class participation on your time, anytime**

Depending on your week, your study time might be sporadic. With 24/7 courseroom access, you can log in at any time of the day.

**Preset path from start to finish**

Assignments are due at the end of the week, with midweek message-board discussions.

**Guided learning**

Faculty will assign required reading material to help you through your discussions and assignments.

**Support at every level**

From start to finish you’ll have learning support and detailed feedback from faculty with regular check-ins from program advisors.
As adults, we’ve got a lot on our plates. School is a priority, but in reality, family and work come first.

FlexPath is a revolutionary way to build career-enhancing skills and knowledge—in an efficient, personalized way. With FlexPath, you can learn what you need, but with a class schedule entirely controlled by you.

**Self-paced**
Once you complete a course, whether that takes you two weeks or 12, you’re free to move on to the next course without having to wait for a new term to begin.

**Pace determines price**
You can complete as many courses as you want, up to two simultaneously, each 12-week billing session for one flat tuition fee.* The faster your pace, the more money you may save.

**Leverage what you know**
Because you already have a lot of knowledge and experience, you can move faster through what you know and take your time on what you need to learn.

**Support at every level**
From start to finish you’ll have learning support, detailed feedback from faculty, and personalized planning from coaches.

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*Books, supplies, and other fees may apply*
With FlexPath, pace determines your price. The faster you move, the more you save. The following is an example to show how pace can determine your price with these FlexPath-enabled degree programs. See your program’s specific pricing information for more details.

**FLEXPATH™**
RN-to-BSN degree

- Finish in 9 months for $9,000
- Finish in 1 year for $12,000
- Finish in 15 months for $15,000

**FLEXPATH™**
MBA degree

- Finish in 1 year for $10,600
- Finish in 1.5 years for $15,900
- Finish in 2 years for $21,200

Program length and cost will vary by transfer credits, the per-session cost, and how quickly you complete courses. Books, supplies, and other fees may apply.
Find your program

SELECT A DEGREE ABBREVIATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OFFERINGS FOR THAT PROGRAM.
SEE COST, COMPLETION, AND OUTCOMES AT CAPELLA RESULTS.

ANALYTICS
MS Analytics
Graduate Certificate
Analytics Using SAS®
Advanced Analytics Using SAS®
BS Information Technology
Minor in Data Analytics
Minor in Data Management

BUSINESS
PhD Business Management
Accounting
General Business Management
Human Resource Management
Information Technology Management
Leadership
Project Management
Strategy and Innovation

Information Technology
PhD DIT MS
Certs BS

Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
PhD DIT MS
Certs BS

Nursing
DNP MSN
Certs RN-to-BSN

Psychology
PhD PsyD MS
MS Clinical Psychology
Certs BS

Public Administration
DPA MPA

Public Health
DrPH MPH
Certs BS

BS Information Technology
Management and Leadership
Marketing
Project Management

Undergraduate Certificate
Analytical Thinking

COUNSELING
PhD Advanced Studies in Human Behavior
Counselor Education and Supervision

MS Addiction Studies
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy
School Counseling

Graduate Certificate
Contemporary Theory in Addictive Behavior
Contemporary Theory in Couple and Family Systems
Contemporary Theory in Mental Health Services

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PhD Criminal Justice

MS Criminal Justice
BS Criminal Justice

EDUCATION
PhD Curriculum and Instruction
Instructional Design
for Online Learning
K–12 Studies in Education

Leadership for Higher Education
Leadership in Educational Administration
Nursing Education
Postsecondary and Adult Education
Professional Studies in Education
Special Education Leadership
EdD Adult Education
Curriculum and Instruction
Educational Leadership and Management
Performance Improvement Leadership
Personalized and Competency-Based Instruction
Reading and Literacy
Teacher Leader in Digital Transformation
Teacher Leader in K–12 Studies
EdS Curriculum and Instruction
Leadership in Educational Administration
Personalized and Competency-Based Instruction
Reading and Literacy
Teacher Leader in Digital Transformation
Teacher Leader in K–12 Studies
MEd Teaching and Learning

All programs are available in GuidedPath. Programs marked with FP are also available in FlexPath. Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is not available for FlexPath.
Find your program

SELECT A DEGREE ABBREVIATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OFFERINGS FOR THAT PROGRAM.
SEE COST, COMPLETION, AND OUTCOMES AT CAPELLA RESULTS.

EDUCATION, cont’d
Instructional Design for Online Learning
Integrative Studies
K–12 Studies in Education
Leadership in Educational Administration
Personalized Learning
Professional Growth and Development
Reading and Literacy
Special Education Teaching
Training and Performance Improvement
Graduate Certificate
Adult Education
Adult Education Leadership Post-Master’s College Teaching Post-Master’s Competency-Based Instruction
Curriculum and Instruction Post-Master’s Educational Leadership and Management Post-Master’s Higher Education Leadership and Administration

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
DHA
General Health Administration
Health Care Leadership
Health Care Quality and Analytics
Health Policy and Advocacy
MHA
General Health Administration FP
Health Care Informatics
Health Care Leadership
Health Care Operations
Graduate Certificate
Health Administration FP
Health Care Informatics
Health Care Leadership
BS
Health Care Administration Leadership FP
Health Care Administration Leadership, Accelerated Master’s Pathway FP
Health Information Management FP
Health Information Management, Accelerated Master’s Pathway FP

HUMAN SERVICES
PhD
Multidisciplinary Human Services Nonprofit Management and Leadership Social and Community Services
DHS
Advanced Program Evaluation and Data Analytics Leadership and Organizational Management
MS
Leadership and Organizational Management Program Evaluation and Data Analytics Social and Community Services

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PhD
Emergency Management
DEM
Emergency Management
MS
Emergency Management

SELECT A DEGREE ABBREVIATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OFFERINGS FOR THAT PROGRAM.
SEE COST, COMPLETION, AND OUTCOMES AT CAPELLA RESULTS.

INFORMATION ASSURANCE AND CYBERSECURITY
PhD Information Technology
Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
DIT Information Technology
Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
MS
Digital Forensics
Health Care Security
Network Defense
Graduate Certificate
Digital Forensics
Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
Network Defense
BS Information Technology
Information Assurance and Cybersecurity FP

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
PhD
General Information Technology Information Technology Education Project Management
DIT
General Information Technology Information Technology Education Project Management
MS
Analytics
Cybersecurity
Enterprise Networks and Cloud Computing
General Information Technology Project Management
Graduate Certificate
Project Management

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Admission requirements

General admission requirements
Your program of enrollment determines the admission requirements. For more information, refer to your program details or contact an enrollment counselor at 1.866.933.5809.

Basic requirements for all programs
• Admission application and nonrefundable $50 application fee
• Acknowledgement agreement
• English-language fluency, including reading, speaking, and writing
• Official transcript(s) from previous institutions for degree and post-degree coursework, if applicable
• Minimum GPA, as defined by your program

BS and Undergraduate Certificates
• High school diploma or equivalent
• At least 24 years old*
• Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on previous undergraduate coursework (applies to FlexPath undergraduate program format only, not to GuidedPath program format)
• FlexPath: Capella considers a number of factors when reviewing applications for admission into degree and certificate programs through the FlexPath option. These may include previous academic performance, rigor of prior coursework, relevant employment history, grade point average, prior degrees and professional certifications, and academic readiness, as well as career and academic goals. This holistic review is conducted to assess fit for FlexPath and position new learners for optimal success in this self-paced model; generally, those applying to undergraduate FlexPath programs should have completed

BSN
• Associate's degree in nursing or diploma in nursing from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or an internationally recognized institution
• Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher from an associate's degree or diploma-granting institution
• A current, unrestricted RN license to practice in the U.S.
• FlexPath: The recommended minimum GPA is 3.0. Applicants with lower GPAs may be considered by providing additional documentation for a holistic review.

MS, MBA, MEd, MPA, MPH, MSW, MSW-AS, and graduate certificates
• Bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or internationally recognized institution
• Cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale (MBA GuidedPath certificates require a 2.5 GPA)
• Select MS in Psychology and MS in Counseling programs require a 2.7 or 3.0 GPA respectively, plus submission of additional documents for review.
• The MPH program requires a 2.5 GPA, and the MSW program requires a 2.7 GPA, plus submission of additional documents for review including a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. Candidates for the MPH program are also required to pass a background check before enrolling in their first course.

*Age requirement is waived for active-duty or veteran military applicants and applicants who have already earned 24 or more college quarter credits.
Admission requirements, continued

- The MSW-AS program requires a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program with 3.0 GPA plus submission of additional documents for review.
- FlexPath: Capella considers a number of factors when reviewing applications for admission into degree and certificate programs through the FlexPath option. These may include previous academic performance, rigor of prior coursework, relevant employment history, grade point average, prior degrees and professional certifications, and academic readiness, as well as career and academic goals. This holistic review is conducted to assess fit for FlexPath and position new learners for optimal success in this self-paced model; generally, individuals seeking admission to master's programs in FlexPath should hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of at least 3.0. Some FlexPath programs have additional experience requirements.
- FlexPath MBA: Bachelor's degree in a business-related field or a bachelor's degree in a non-business-related field in addition to relevant business experience.
- Applicants with a GPA of less than 3.0 will be required to submit additional documents for review.
- FlexPath Certificates: Bachelor's degree in a business-related field, or a bachelor's degree in a non-business-related field in addition to relevant business experience. A bachelor's degree with a 2.5 GPA is required.

MS – Analytics

A background acknowledgement form indicating that you possess the appropriate academic or professional background is required to enroll in the Master of Science in Analytics program. This program is designed for individuals with:

- A bachelor's degree in mathematics, statistics, computer science, data analytics, database management, economics, finance, accounting, business intelligence or information technology; coursework specific to introductory statistics, math, R programming, and Python programming
  or
- Three years or more of professional experience in data analytics, business intelligence, database management, business analytics, marketing analytics, accounting, or financial analytics
  or
- One or more of the following professional endorsements:
  - IBM certification in Cognos, Risk Analytics, or SPSS
  - SAS certification in Foundation, Analytics, Administration, Data Management or Enterprise Business Intelligence
  - Certified Business Intelligence Professional
  - Certified Analytics Professional
  - Certified Data Management Professional
  - Certified Health Data Analyst

Applicants without this experience or background may wish to contact an enrollment counselor to discuss possible remediation alternatives or consider alternative degree programs.
Admission requirements, continued

MS – Information Assurance and Cybersecurity

A background acknowledgment form indicating that you possess the appropriate academic or professional background to enroll in the Master of Science in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity program. The program is designed for individuals with:

- A bachelor’s degree in information technology, information systems, computer science, or similar degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency or an internationally recognized institution.

or

- At least three years of experience in information technology, meeting the following criteria:
  - Capability to conduct basic network configurations (hub, server, router).
  - Understanding of 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.
  - Use of several operating systems, several data modeling best practices, and knowledge of when to use on-premise vs. cloud-based network solutions.
  - Knowledge of the difference between input, processing, and output devices and the difference between a LAN and a WAN.
  - Capability to differentiate between programming languages and tools used to generate reports and ability to describe different types of business information systems, as well as the key components of the system development life cycle.

RN-to-MSN

- A current, unrestricted RN license to practice in the U.S.
- A minimum of 135 completed undergraduate quarter credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

MSN

- Bachelor’s degree in nursing from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or an internationally recognized institution.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- A current, unrestricted RN license to practice in the U.S.
- FlexPath: The recommended minimum GPA is 3.0. Applicants with lower GPAs may be considered by providing additional documentation for a holistic review.

EdS, EdD, DPA, DBA, DEM, DHA, DHS, DIT, DrPH, DSW, PhD, and post-master’s certificates

- Master’s degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or internationally recognized institution.
- Applicants for the PhD Psychology in Behavior Analysis specialization must have either graduated from a program with a BCBA approved sequence or be currently credentialed BCBA.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- The PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision requires a 3.25 GPA plus submission of additional documents for review.
- A current, unrestricted RN license is required for PhD Nursing Education.
- Applicants for the DrPH and Post-Graduate Epidemiology Certificate program must have an MPH or related graduate degree or any graduate degree and the Graduate Certificate in Public Health. Candidates for MPH, DrPH, and DHA programs are also required to pass a background check before enrolling in their first course.
### Admission requirements, continued

**DNP**
- Master’s degree in nursing from an institution accredited by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or an internationally recognized institution.
- A current, unrestricted RN license to practice in the U.S.
- At least one year of licensed RN work experience or current employment as an RN.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- For the DNP Preparatory program, the same admission requirements apply, with the exception of the master’s degree, which can be in a field other than nursing.
- For the BSN-DNP program, applicants must have completed a bachelor’s degree in nursing with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

**PsyD**
- Applicants to the PsyD Clinical Psychology Bachelor’s Entry specialization must have a bachelor’s degree in psychology or a related field with a minimum 3.0 degree-conferred GPA. They will also be assessed on professionalism and academic fit to the program as determined by the school.
- Those who apply to the PsyD Clinical Psychology Master’s Entry specialization must have a master’s degree in psychology or a related field with a minimum 3.0 degree-conferred GPA. They will also be assessed on professionalism and academic fit to the program as determined by the school.
- Applicants to the PsyD in School Psychology must have a master’s degree in psychology or a related field with a minimum 3.0 degree-conferred GPA. They will also be assessed on professionalism and academic fit as determined by the school.

### Accreditation

**ACCREDITATION:** Capella University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

**HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION:** [https://www.hlcommission.org](https://www.hlcommission.org), 800.621.7440

### Endnotes

1. Arkansas residents are not eligible to enroll in this program.
2. Kentucky residents are not eligible to enroll in this program.
3. Applicants seeking Georgia leadership certification are not eligible to enroll in this specialization.
4. The FlexPath option for this program has not been evaluated by the Minnesota State Approving Agency and is not currently eligible for VA benefits.
5. The FlexPath option for this program is not currently approved for federal financial aid by the U.S. Department of Education (ED).
6. Washington residents are not eligible to enroll in this program.
7. Iowa residents are not eligible to enroll in this program.
8. Maryland residents are not eligible to enroll in this program.

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