

**GRADUATE & CONTINUING EDUCATION ADMISSIONS****GRADUATE & CONTINUING EDUCATION ADMISSIONS****Visiting Campus**

A campus visit—whether a personal appointment or a special admissions event—is the best way for you to be introduced to Northwestern. We invite you to visit as often as you like. Prospective students are encouraged to schedule a campus visit with an admission counselor. The visit can include appointments with the Financial Aid Office, faculty members, and other departments on campus you would be interested in visiting.

**Applying to Northwestern**

The college does not discriminate on grounds of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, or disability. Admission to Northwestern College does not guarantee any unique or specific disability related accommodations. Prospective students with such concerns should contact the Disabilities Office of Support Services (DOSS) at 651-286-7446 or 800-692-4020, ext. 7446.

*Application Deadline for Fall Semester*

New students are strongly encouraged to apply by August 1st. Applications are received after this date and reviewed for admittance into new learning groups as space allows.

*Application Deadline for Spring Semester*

New students are strongly encouraged to apply by December 15. Applications are received after this date and reviewed for admittance into new learning groups as space allows.

*Application Deadline for Summer Semester*

New students are strongly encouraged to apply by May 1. Applications are received after this date and reviewed for admittance into new learning groups as space allows.

**Admission of International Students**

The college is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students.

In addition to the regular admission criteria outlined previously, special admission procedures are necessary for students who are not citizens of the United States. Evidence of sufficient financial resources must be presented prior to admission, which must occur before student visa arrangements can be made.

For students from non-English speaking countries, English language capability must be demonstrated by a score of at least 530 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 197 on the computer-based TOEFL, or a 72 on the web-based exam. And the minimum for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is a 6. In the absence of any ACT/SAT score or writing placement examination results, all students for whom English is not the first language are required to start their English composition sequence with LAN0009. For further information, contact the Office of Admissions.

Graduate programs meet the requirements for enrolling nonimmigrant students on campus. For further information, contact Graduate & Continuing Education Admissions. In addition to the regular graduate admission criteria outlined previously, special admission procedures are necessary for students who are not citizens of the United States. Evidence of sufficient financial resources must be presented prior to admission, which must occur before student visa arrangements can be made.

**Admission to Individual Courses**

Students desiring to take individual courses but not intending to complete a certificate or a degree program must complete an application for individual courses. GCE Admissions will provide an application.

Admission for individual courses does not imply eligibility to complete a certificate or degree program. Students not admitted to the college will not qualify for any state or federal aid (grants/loans).

**Admission Criteria: FOCUS**

The following are criteria for admitting students into the FOCUS Degree Completion program:

- Evidence of a new birth in Jesus Christ.
- Willingness to subscribe to the ideals and patterns of life and conduct of the Northwestern community, as outlined in the "Declaration of Christian Community."
- Likelihood of academic success at Northwestern.
- Three years of post-high school work/life experience.

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- For students who desire to begin with major requirements, a minimum of 60 college semester credits is a prerequisite. Credits are transferrable if course grades are “C-” or higher. At least one of the transfer courses needs to have been in English composition for the certificate program.
- Official high school transcript verifying diploma completion or an official GED certificate.
- Submission of application and required essay.
- Submission of official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions at which the applicant previously registered whether or not transferable credits were earned.

Students interested in learning about the various majors should contact the GCE office at 651-631-5200 to request literature and make an appointment to meet with an admission counselor or to attend an information session.

### Admission Criteria: Center for Graduate Studies (CGS)

The following are criteria for admitting students into the Graduate Studies Program:

- Evidence of a new birth in Jesus Christ.
- Willingness to subscribe to the ideals and patterns of life and conduct of the Northwestern community, as outlined in the “Declaration of Christian Community.”
- Students seeking admission into a master’s degree program must have a bachelor’s degree earned from a regionally, nationally, professionally, or specialized accredited institution as listed in the Higher Education Directory. Degrees awarded by other institutions may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Submission of official transcript(s) from all previous undergraduate and graduate institutions.
- Submission of application and required essays.
- Submission of two letters of recommendation (pastor and employer or the equivalents).

- Submission of at least one of the following as an indicator of academic ability, if cumulative GPA is less than 3.0:

1. Academic Essay
2. GRE or GMAT scores at or above the 50th percentile

### Center for Graduate Studies Scholarships

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

An announcement will be made in the *Daily Journal* with application acceptance and deadline dates. These scholarships are applied for in the spring for the subsequent academic year.

Submit a one-page typed essay explaining why you feel you should receive the scholarship to [gce@nwc.edu](mailto:gce@nwc.edu). Students may apply for only one scholarship. Be sure to include your name, student ID number, cohort number, and the name of the scholarship for which you are applying.

The deadline for the application is September 1, 2012. Contact the GCE office at 651-631-5200 or e-mail [gcefnaid@nwc.edu](mailto:gcefnaid@nwc.edu) with questions.

#### THE DONALD B. KRAUSE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is open to all new Northwestern College students who are accepted in to the Master of Divinity Program. Other Requirements include:

- Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
- Display Merit.
- Display financial need (student is required to complete the 2012-13 FAFSA for the applicable academic year at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)).
- Display a motivation to serve in Christian ministry as a chaplain in a hospital, extended care facility, hospice, or similar pastoral care.

A personal interview may be included as part of the selection process.