Piedmont University Graduate Admissions FAQ's

1) When are the application deadlines? Can I submit materials past the deadline and still be considered for admission?

- The deadlines vary depending on the program you are applying to. <u>Learn</u> more about the deadlines for your specific program here.
- All application deadlines are rolling deadlines. We will work with you to complete your file in a timely manner.

2) When can I expect to hear back about an admissions decision, and how will I be notified (phone/email/mail)?

• All information regarding your application will be sent to you via the email address you initially provided. As soon as you complete your admissions file, it will be reviewed for acceptance.

3) How can I check to see what documents are missing from my application?

• Currently the only way to check your application file is by emailing grad@piedmont.edu to ask what items are still needed.

4) Is there an orientation?

• New student orientation packets are email to all new students with their official acceptance letter.

5) What are the Graduate College admission requirements?

• For detailed information, please refer to our <u>Academic Program page</u> to find your program of interest and requirements.

6) How do I get in touch with the office of Graduate Admissions?

- Phone: 1-800-277-7020, 706-778-8500 X1352
- Email: grad@piedmont.edu

7) <u>Am I eligible for an application fee waiver?</u>

• Currently there are no waivers for the \$25 application fee for all programs except the EdD which is \$50.

- 8) Can I apply for admission if I have not yet graduated with either my BA or my MA degree?
- Yes, you will need to send us an unofficial transcript showing what classes and grades you have received in your program so far. Once you graduate, you will then need to send us an official final transcript.

9) Where should I send my official transcripts?

- We accept both electronic or mailed transcripts. Please have transcripts sent directly from your previous college to grad@piedmont.edu or mail then to:
- P.O. Box 10, Demorest, GA 30535

10) If my application involves supplemental documents, where should those be sent?

• All supplemental documents need to be sent to grad@piedmont.edu

11) What do I do if I need to withdraw during the application process or after I've been admitted but haven't yet started classes?

• To withdraw from the application process before acceptance, you will need to email graduate admission at grad@piedmont.edu letting them know. After you are accepted, you will need to email graduate admissions and your advisor telling them of your decision to withdraw.

12) Does Piedmont University accept graduate transfer credits?

• You may transfer up to 6 hours into a Masters and certification only programs. There are not transfer credits into the EDS or the EdD programs. Your transcript will be evaluated by the appropriate office, and you will be notified if any classes will be transferred. Please go to the graduate admissions forms page for the <u>Transfer Credit Form</u>.

13) Is there an application fee?

• Yes, there is a \$25 application fee on all applications except the EdD application which has a \$50 fee.

14) If I have problems when I try to pay the application fee, who do I call?

 Please reach out to our Business office at <u>biz@piedmont.edu</u> or call 706-776-0101

15) I am a veteran, who do I contact at the university for information?

• Please go to our <u>FAQ's for Veterans page</u> for information. You may also contact Cassie Shirley at 706-778-8500 X 1122 or <u>cshirley@piedmont.edu</u>.

16) Does Piedmont University require an admissions test for acceptance?

• Currently for all programs except that EdD program, admissions tests are waived. The EdD program does require the GRE.

17) What do I do if I decide to restart my application process after withdrawing my application?

- We currently hold applications for two years. You may contact graduate admissions, grad@piedmont.edu, and let them know you are interested in activating your previous application.
- If it has been over two years since you first submitted your application, you will need to reapply.

18) Will you be able to use materials from an application for a former degree?

• No, each application is separate and will require new documents sent in to graduate admissions.

19) Am I allowed to take just one or two classes at Piedmont University?

- Non-degree graduate students may take a maximum of five courses or fifteen semester hours as a non-degree graduate student. Non-degree graduate students who wish to take more than five courses or fifteen semester hours must receive permission from the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- If a non-degree graduate student wishes to apply to a graduate degree program, a maximum of two courses or six semester hours can be transferred to the degree at Piedmont University. Transfer credit is allowed only by permission of the Registrar and Director of the degree.

- A non-degree graduate student who wishes to apply for a degree and change status to a degree-seeking candidate, must complete all of the requirements for admission to that degree including any required admissions test.
- Non-degree graduate students must meet pre-requisite course requirements for any course taken as a non-degree graduate student. Any College of Education course requiring field experience may only be taken with the permission of the Dean of the College of Education
- Non-degree graduate students are allowed to register for courses on a space available basis. Degree-seeking candidates are given preference for seating in courses where class size is a consideration.
- Non-degree graduate students who take undergraduate courses will be charged at the undergraduate tuition rate. Graduate courses will be charged at the graduate tuition rate.
- Non-degree graduate students are not assigned an academic advisor. If you have questions, please call Piedmont University Graduate Studies at 1-800-277-7020.

20) I will be an international student. Where do I find information about international admissions?

• Please go to our <u>International Admissions page</u> to find all information about graduate international requirements.

21) What are the tuition fees?

• View the full accounting of all <u>tuition and fees</u> associated with graduate admissions.

22) Where do I find information about Financial Aid?

- View all the financial add information on the <u>Graduate Financial Aid page</u>
- 23) Where can I learn more about Piedmont University accreditation?
- Please go to our <u>accreditation page</u> which informs you about our accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.