

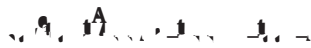
Graduate education at Andrews University looks beyond the traditional preservation of knowledge and the advancement of disciplines to the integration of learning with Christian faith. The graduate faculty seek to challenge and guide students in their search for knowledge, to motivate them with a keen desire to learn, and to develop both personal resourcefulness and a sense of their own responsibility in the quest for greater competence in their chosen academic discipline.

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The graduate programs at Andrews University are characterized by academic quality, attention to research, close individual student/ professor interaction, and an emphasis on the spiritual dimensions of the various content fields. The university welcomes students in harmony with these ideals to apply for admission to its graduate programs.

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To avoid delays in processing an application and to provide ample opportunity to apply for scholarships, financial aid, visas, and/or university housing, students should file their applications 6–12 months before they expect to enroll.

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or test centers in the United States (U.S.) and in countries outside the U.S. The general GRE, as well as TOEFL exams, are available five days a week at certain Thomson Prometric Testing Centers in the U.S. and at other international sites. The Thomson Prometric

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Educational Specialist (EdS)
 Doctor of Education (EdD)
 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
 Doctor of Theology (ThD)

To qualify for regular admission to a specialist or doctoral program, students must meet the following minimum academic standards in addition to fulfilling the general admission requirements on p. 47.

- Hold a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in an area appropriate to the major emphasis of the specialist or doctoral program from a regionally accredited American university or senior college, or its equivalent from a comparably, recognized institution outside the U.S. Accreditation must be from an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or have government recognition in the country of origin.
- Evidence of adequate preparation for doctoral level graduate work. For applicants presenting previous graduate work, an undergraduate cumulative grade point average no less than 2.60 and a graduate grade point average no less than 3.50 over 16 graded, semester credits or more. For applicants entering a doctoral program without previous graduate work, an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and/or a grade point average of 3.00 in a minimum of 16 graded, semester credits of program prerequisites.
- Provide evidence of adequate preparation in the proposed field of graduate study and in general education. This will be evaluated by the respective schools and departments that designate subject-matter preparation.
- Show evidence of the ability to handle specialist- or doctoral-level work in the language of instruction. See "Required English Proficiency" on p. 48.

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Professional degrees in the Physical Therapy Department operate under the supervision of the Physical Therapy Professional Degree Council. This council has delegated authority to act as the Courses and Curriculum Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences for all Physical Therapy programs. The Physical Therapy Professional Degree Council formulates and approves general education requirements after consultation with the General Education Committee and develops academic, department, financial and other policies of its programs. See the Physical Therapy section of this bulletin for academic standards for these degrees:

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
 Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT)
 Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT)

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A A A Before international students can be admitted, they must satisfy the university regarding the following items:

- The equivalency of their previous education to an American baccalaureate degree. To facilitate a fair evaluation of their previous education, prospective students must send a transcript or transcripts of all education completed. If the transcript(s) is/are not in English, a literal translation, not interpretation, are required to accompany the original document(s).

- Their financial ability to undertake the proposed course of

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certificate and master's programs or 16 credits for EdS and doctoral programs. Students who fail to meet these requirements are dropped from the program in which they had provisional admission.

Students enrolled on provisional status may not

- register for thesis or independent study
- request advancement to degree candidacy
- take comprehensive examinations.

• **Provisional Temporary Candidacy (PTC)** PTC is a temporary enrollment designation, not an admission category. PTC is for students holding a U.S. bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by a validated accreditation body or its equivalent outside the U.S. The PTC status is especially designed to allow the enrollment of qualified students in special classes including workshops and guest students from other universities.

Permission to take classes status is for

- Applicants who have no intention of earning a graduate degree from Andrews University
- Graduate students who are not enrolled at Andrews University and who wish to take classes as guest students
- Students who have applied for admission to a graduate program but, for some reason, the application has not yet been completely processed. In such cases, PTC status is available

A Students who have completed one graduate degree may apply to be accepted into another graduate-degree program at the same level if they meet all department requirements for admission to such a degree program. The proposed course of study may not be within the same major field and may not be similar to a degree previously completed. The usual regulations and limits with respect to transfer credit apply when taking a second graduate degree. (See “Transfer Credits,” p. 54.)

A Scholars who have attained doctoral status or the equivalent from a recognized university, and other recognized scholars who wish to continue study and research in special fields, may use the library facilities as guests of the university. Application must be made to the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator. Such privileges are granted upon recommendation of the department in which the work will be done. Formal courses may be attended with permission of the instructor. No official record is made of the work done. If credit is desired, regular enrollment is required.

A Students whose previous admission to a graduate-degree program at Andrews University has been canceled because of academic and/or conduct reasons may reapply for admission after a reasonable period of time has passed. Under no circumstances are such students readmitted into a graduate program before at least one academic year has passed.

The reasons for the cancellation of the student's admission status, a statement of intent, a report of subsequent rehabilitation, and a record of improved scholarship and/or conduct at an other institution are all factors that are taken into account when the student reapplies for admission. The decision to approve such a reapplication for admission, as well as the status of such a student, is made by a special admissions committee composed of appropriate administrative and faculty representatives.

HANDBOOKS

Several specialized documents are available to assist students in planning their graduate programs of study, including:

The Graduate Programs Manual The Graduate Programs Manual contains the voted minimum admission and academic standards policies for all Andrews University graduate programs except the professional physical therapy and seminary degrees. Copies of the manual are available for student use in all departments and schools with graduate programs.

The Handbook for Educational Specialist Students and the Handbook for Doctoral Students may be obtained from the School of Education; the **Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Handbook** and **t-DPT/DScPT Student Handbook** may be obtained from the Department of Physical Therapy; the **Doctoral Student Handbook** may be obtained from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Some master's-degree programs also have handbooks. These handbooks give detailed information about admission requirements, advanced-degree course and research requirements, and comprehensive examinations.

The doctoral handbooks also provide information about approval of the dissertation proposal, dissertation preparation, oral defense of the dissertation, and the general schedule of

deadlines for doctoral students as they approach the final stages of their programs in preparation for graduation.

Andrews University Standards for Written Work gives detailed instructions about formatting term

Candidates for graduate degrees must satisfactorily fulfill the course of study for the degree program they select subject to these standards:

- A minimum GPA of 3.00 (4.00 system) is required in those courses that apply to the degree.
- No course with a grade of D or F (or U) may count toward a graduate degree. Some departments may require a higher satisfactory grade in certain courses.
- If a student receives an unsatisfactory grade as defined above, the course may be repeated once. The credits and quality points earned in the most recent course will be used to calculate the GPA.
- Credit by examination is not accepted toward a graduate degree.
- Candidates for a master's degree must pass comprehensive examinations and/or formally defend a master's thesis or an acceptable alternative for a particular program as approved by the Graduate Council. Candidates for specialist and doctoral degrees must pass comprehensive examinations. Doctoral degree candidates must complete and formally defend a dissertation.

In addition to the following standards, master's, specialist, and doctoral students should consult the appropriate section of this bulletin and their respective handbook.

- The cumulative GPA must be at least 3.00 calculated using all graduate work taken at Andrews University including courses taken for other degrees, courses taken prior to the time limits for degrees, and courses taken PTC. Exceptions to this standard must be recommended by the dean/graduate program coordinator and approved by the dean of the School of Graduate Studies.
- A student whose cumulative GPA drops below 3.00 in any given semester is placed on academic probation. Such a student must work with the advisor to develop a schedule of

registration. All other master's-degree student committees are appointed after some course work has been completed and before registration for thesis credits. Only rarely may a student's committee be changed while study or research is still in progress. This may be done only in consultation with the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator. The chair of the supervisory committee is the student's chief advisor. The function of the committee is to guide the student in his/her research and writing of the project/thesis.

A student's supervisory committee may be augmented with additional members for the oral defense of the thesis. These additional committee members have full voting rights.

The term of service of a student's committee is deemed to have expired when a student has graduated or when registration has been terminated.

The dissertation committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, including the chair. Two of the three members, including the chair, shall be selected from among the current full time Andrews graduate faculty at the appropriate category with at least one member being from the school in which the student is enrolled. The third member may be from the Andrews graduate faculty at the appropriate category or a person outside the University whose record of scholarship is equivalent to that required of a member of the Andrews graduate faculty at the appropriate category. Additional persons may be added either from the Andrews graduate faculty or from outside the University where specialized expertise is needed with the approval of the School of Graduate Studies.

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Most master's- and all specialist- and doctoral-degree candidates are required to take prescribed written and/or oral comprehensive examinations as required by the department.

Master's-degree students are not permitted to sit for these examinations until they have been officially advanced to degree candidacy. EdS and doctoral students normally sit for comprehensive examinations after all course work is completed and after applying for degree candidacy. Candidacy is not granted to doctoral students until the comprehensive examinations have been passed.

See the appropriate sections of this bulletin and the School of Education Handbook for Doctoral Students, the School of Education Handbook for Educational Specialist Students; the Doctor of Physical Therapy Student Handbook, t-DPT/DSCPT Student Handbook; or the Graduate Programs Manual for details about examinations for master's, specialist, or doctoral students.

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