

## Undergraduate Admissions Standards

Lubbock Christian University is open to all persons regardless of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, or disabled condition who are otherwise eligible for admission as students. In all university educational programs and activities, students are treated without discrimination in their participation. The university may exercise due diligence and deny admission to otherwise qualified individuals who have a history that indicates their presence might endanger members of the university community. To be considered for admission to distance education programs, the university must have prior state authorization to enroll students in the applicant state of residence. Students entering a program to prepare for licensing or certification should be aware that a licensing or certification authority may require a criminal background check, and may consider individuals with convictions or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense to be ineligible. Students with a concern have the right to request that the licensing authority issue a criminal history evaluation letter regarding their eligibility. For more information, consult the specific licensing or certification authority.

Applicants are admitted as first-time beginning students and transfer students. First-time beginning applicants either have no post-secondary educational experience or have advance college credit earned while in high school or the summer immediately following high school graduation. Transfer applicants have post-secondary educational experiences such as college or trade school.

To be considered for admission, an application for admission must be completed and submitted with payment of the non-refundable \$25 application fee. First-time beginning applicants must apply using the deadlines listed under the unconditional admissions section. Other applicants must apply no later than June 30 for fall entry and December 1 for spring entry. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if space allows. Admitted first-time beginning applicants must confirm their intention to enroll by remitting a non-refundable \$200 tuition advance, which will be applied to their initial tuition bill. Deadlines for remittance of the tuition advance are June 1 for summer or fall entry, December 1 for spring entry, or prior to registration, whichever comes first. First-time beginning applicants accepted after the deadline must remit the tuition advance within two weeks of the date of the acceptance letter or prior to registration, whichever comes first. Documents establishing eligibility for admission must be official.

State law requires the meningitis vaccine for students, which must be received at least 10 days before but not more than 5 years before the first day of class. Students 22 or older by the first day of class are exempt from meningitis vaccine requirement. See [www.lcu.edu/meningitis](http://www.lcu.edu/meningitis) for more information.

Phone numbers for undergraduate admissions are 1-806-720-7151, 1-800-933-7601 (toll free), and 1-806-720-7162 (fax). The undergraduate admissions e-mail address is [admissions@lcu.edu](mailto:admissions@lcu.edu).

### Unconditional Admission

#### First-Time Beginning

First-time beginning applicants with an ACT of 25-36 (SAT 1140-1600) are assured unconditional admission (high school GPA on final transcript must be 2.5 or higher). First-time beginning applicants with an ACT of 16-24 (SAT of 790-1130) are considered for unconditional admission based on an admissions index calculated by adding the ACT score equivalent to the high school GPA (4.0 scale) times 10. Use [this link to calculate your admissions index](#). An admissions index of 46 or higher is granted unconditional admission subject to the following exceptions.

- ACT of 15 (SAT 780) or lower is not considered for unconditional admission
- High school GPA lower than 2.5 is not considered for unconditional admission

First-time beginning applicants must have graduated from an accredited high school, completed a home school secondary curriculum, or passed the General Education Development (GED) test with a score of 45 or higher. Students completing a GED must score at least an 18 on the ACT (SAT 950) to be considered for unconditional admission.

Early Decision Period One - First-time beginning applicant - LCU is top choice

Completed application includes HS transcript through junior year, completed application forms, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), application fee, and statement of purpose.

- Application deadline is October 31
- Early decision period one notifications made by December 15

Early Decision Period Two - First-time beginning applicant - LCU is one of top two choices

Completed application includes HS transcript through fall semester of senior year, completed application forms, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), application fee, and statement of purpose.

- Application deadline is January 1
- Early decision notifications made by February 15

Regular Decision - First-time beginning applicant - LCU is one of top choices

Completed application includes HS transcript through fall semester of senior year, completed application forms, standardized test scores (ACT or SAT), application fee, and statement of purpose.

- Application deadline is June 15
- Regular decision notifications made by July 15

Before beginning classes, first-time beginning applicants must submit official ACT or SAT score reports, and an official high school transcript showing graduation, an official transcript showing graduation from a home school secondary curriculum, or an official score report indicating that the GED was passed with a score of 45 or higher. Before beginning classes, first-time beginning applicants official ACT or SAT score reports, and an official high school transcript showing graduation, an official transcript showing graduation from a home school secondary curriculum, or an official score report for the GED. First-time beginning applicants with college credit must also submit official college transcripts for that credit.

Transfers with 15 or Fewer Hours of Transfer Credit

Transfer applicants with 15 or fewer hours of transfer credit with an ACT of 25-36 (SAT 1140-1600) are assured unconditional admission (high school GPA on final transcript must be at least 2.5 and college GPA must be at least 2.0). First-time beginning applicants with an ACT of 16-24 (SAT 790-1130) are considered for unconditional admission based on an admissions index calculated by adding the ACT score equivalent to the high school GPA (4.0 scale) times 10. Use [this link to calculate your admissions index](#). An admissions index of 45 or more is granted unconditional admission subject to the following exceptions.

- ACT of 15 (SAT 780) or lower is not considered for unconditional admission
- High school GPA lower than 2.5 is not considered for unconditional admission
- College GPA lower than 2.0 is not considered for unconditional admission

Transfer applicants with 15 or fewer hours of transfer credit must have graduated from an accredited high school, completed a home school secondary curriculum, or passed the GED with a minimum score of 45, and have a college GPA of 2.0 or higher. Before beginning classes, transfer applicants with fewer than 15 hours of transfer credit must submit official college transcripts for all post-secondary work, official ACT or SAT score reports, and an official high school transcript showing graduation, an official transcript showing graduation from a home school secondary curriculum, or an official score report for the GED.

Transfers with 16 or More Hours of Transfer Credit

- 2.00 college GPA or higher for 0-89 hours attempted
- 2.25 college GPA or higher for 90+ hours attempted

## **Special Admission**

Applicants not meeting standards for unconditional admission may appeal, in writing, for special admission. Applicants admitted on appeal are admitted on academic probation. Terms of probation will be determined by the Admissions Appeal Committee.

## **Readmission**

Students who withdraw from the university or are not enrolled for one full semester, must submit a new application for admission, a new health form, and a transcript from each school attended in the interim. Students who were suspended for academic deficiency may apply for readmission to the university after one long semester.

## **Temporary Admission**

Students who are not seeking a degree may be admitted with a temporary status, but they are limited to nine hours of undergraduate work during an enrollment period. The student will be allowed to complete up to 12 hours of undergraduate work unless they are seeking a degree at another university. When students reach this 12 hour limit, they must apply for \_\_\_\_\_

unconditional admission. Students applying for temporary admission must re-apply for each enrollment period.

### **Concurrent Admission**

The university has an agreement with Texas Tech University and with South Plains College that allows students enrolled in one institution to register concurrently in the other institution. Freshmen cannot concurrently register without permission from the appropriate academic dean. Texas Tech or South Plains College students seeking a concurrent course at the university must apply through the admissions office. Students seeking concurrent enrollment at another institution must give prior notification to the registrar before applying.

### **International Student Admission**

This school is authorized under federal law to enroll international students. The following items must be submitted to the admissions office before the university can issue an I-20 to international students.

- Completed application for admission
- Recent photograph
- Copy of passport
- Completed health form
- Immunization Record demonstrating required immunizations
- Transcripts—an international student must have an official English translation of transcripts for secondary school and university/college courses completed. Note: a student who has completed college level work in a foreign country is required to submit an academic evaluation done by a reputable educational consulting service. The admissions office will be glad to provide the necessary contact information upon request.
- Application Fee—nonrefundable fee of \$25
- Prepayment—each student must pay a \$200 non-refundable tuition advance prior to registering for classes and make final payment for the first semester tuition, fees, room, and board by the 10th day of classes. Payment should be made to the student account advisor in the Business Office.
- Verification of Source of Support: Satisfactory evidence of financial resources must be established, which includes a financial statement for the last six months and an affidavit of support.
- TOEFL English Language Test—minimum composite score of 525 on the TOEFL-CBT or 71 on the TOEFL-IBT must be achieved for admission. A score of 5.5 or higher on the IELTS will be accepted in place of the TOEFL. See following section regarding TOEFL exemptions.
- Signed F-1 Status Contract
- Statement of Purpose—a personal essay describing their career goals and why they want to study at the university.
- Professional Recommendation—recommendation should come from a high school or college teacher or counselor
- Personal Recommendation—recommendation should come from a minister or some other professional who is well acquainted with the applicant.
- International applicants without previous college work will be required to take the ACT or SAT exam. To be accepted, international applicants must score a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 950 on the SAT.
- International students assume complete responsibility for their health care expenses. International students are considered to be maintaining status if they are making acceptable progress toward the completion of a degree.

### **International Students from English Speaking Countries**

English-speaking applicants from native English-speaking countries, including Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the British Caribbean Islands, Canada, Ireland, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Kenya are not required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. The TOEFL or IELTS requirement will be waived for students scoring 490 or above on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing test or 18 or above on the ACT English test.

### **Cooperative Program with Lubbock Christian High School**

High school students at Lubbock Christian High School may earn up to 20 semester hours of college credit at the university. For more information about this program and the courses being offered, students should contact the School Counselor, Lubbock Christian High School, 2604 Dover Ave., Lubbock, Texas, 79407, 806-796-8700.