

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Do I need to take the GREs?

Programs at the GSE have varying admissions requirements. Some require GRE scores while others do not. Please check with the specific program for details.

Our doctoral programs (Ph.D. and Ed.D.) require the GREs. The Ed.M. programs that require GRE scores are School Counseling; Counseling Psychology; Education, Statistics and Measurement; Math Education, and Science Education.

Although some programs may require GRE scores, supplemental materials (personal statement, letters of recommendation, and professional experiences) assist in providing a greater understanding of an individual's readiness, preparation and commitment for graduate study.

Is there a target GRE score or GPA required for acceptance into a graduate program?

Each program has different requirements so there are no university-wide minimum GRE score or GPA. Please see specific master's or doctoral programs for more information. An exception to this are the Teacher Education Initial Licensure programs which are bound by minimum GPA and test score requirements which are set by the N.J. Dept. of Education (<https://gse.rutgers.edu/academic-programs/edm-programs>).

What is the GRE Institution Code for Graduate Admissions at Rutgers New Brunswick?

Our ETS GRE Institution Code is 2790.

Do you accept transfer credits?

After you have been accepted to a GSE graduate program, the faculty will review your credits and if applicable, will consider them for transfer. This process is completely at the discretion of the program. The program will want assurance that the course or courses in question are equal in quality to those that you would have taken at Rutgers. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at Rutgers University for a master's degree. A maximum of 24 credits may be transferred to the Ph.D. programs, and 18 to the Ed.D. program. Please see your advisor after admission for an evaluation of your credits.

How long will it take me to complete this program?

Master's programs are 30 to 48 credits depending on the program. Students have 5 years to complete a Master's before requiring permission for an extension of time. Doctoral programs are 72 credits. Students have 7 years to complete a Doctorate before requiring permission for an extension of time.

What types of financial aid are available for graduate students?

Depending on the degree you are pursuing, there are several types of aid available to graduate students. For more information, please visit Rutgers Graduate and Professional Admissions at <https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/financial/financial-information>

Is financial aid available for international students?

International students are encouraged to contact our financial aid office directly to learn more about these loans. In general, lenders offer funds to foreign graduate students enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities. Typically, all international applicants, except for Canadians, must provide a U.S. citizen as a co-borrower. Variable interest rates and fees apply.

Where do I get the FAFSA?

The FAFSA can be obtained and completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Are there fellowships, scholarships and assistantships available for GSE students?

We have limited fellowships, scholarships and assistantships available for GSE students. They are quite competitive and require application and letters of recommendation. You can find more information about fellowships, scholarships and assistantships at this site:

<https://gse.rutgers.edu/academic-programs/fellowships-assistantship-and-scholarships>.

How do I speak with a faculty representative from a specific program?

Faculty are generally available during the academic year (September through May). Please email academic.services@gse.rutgers.edu if you would like assistance getting connected with the appropriate faculty. You can also find more information about individual faculty members at the faculty directory webpage at <https://gse.rutgers.edu/faculty-and-research/faculty-directory>.

Where may I locate the scholarly research of GSE faculty?

You may access the GSE website, <https://gse.rutgers.edu/faculty-and-research>, as well as sites like Google Scholar to find, read, and review the research interests of GSE faculty. We suggest contacting GSE faculty members directly for information about their research.

How do I apply to a GSE program?

All applications are submitted through Rutgers Graduate and Professional Admissions at this site:

<https://gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/apply-now>.

How much does a GSE program cost?

Tuition and fee information can be found at this site:

<https://studentabc.rutgers.edu/tuition-fees/tuition-and-fees-0>.