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<http://www.lockhaven.edu/admissions/graduate>

## **Graduate Admissions Requirements**

### **Actuarial Science – Professional Science Masters**

#### Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a statement of professional goals (one page in length)

#### Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.00 or higher
- Successful completion of the following undergraduate coursework
  - 9 credits of Calculus (through multivariable calculus) or equivalent
  - 3 credits of Linear Algebra or coursework that covers the fundamentals of matrix calculations

If English is not the student's primary language, a TOEFL score of 213 or higher (computer-based exam), 550 or higher (paper-based exam), or 80 or higher (internet-based exam) will be required.

### **Alternative Education – Master of Education**

#### Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a writing sample
  - Review a pertinent scholarly journal article or report published in a recent professional journal. Include the problem or issue, the author's viewpoint and supporting ideas. Also include your professional opinion in the final paragraphs of the essay. Your essay should not exceed 300 words. (You must submit a copy of the full text of the article along with your essay.)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a copy of PA teaching certification (optional)

#### Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with a 3.00 or higher

#### Transfer Credits:

- Students may transfer up to nine credits of graduate work from an accredited institution toward the elective requirements of the program. All transfer credits must be approved in writing by the Program Coordinator.

## **Athletic Training – Master of Science**

### Process:

- Submit an application through the Athletic Training Centralized Application Systems (ATCAS)
  - Create an account in ATCAS (<https://atcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) and follow the directions to complete the application. Do not apply directly to Lock Haven University
  - All of your supporting materials are submitted through ATCAS.
    - Official college transcript(s) for all university coursework to ATCAS.  
Mail transcripts to:  
ATCAS  
PO Box 9132  
Watertown, MA 02471
    - Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a certified athletic trainer)
    - Statement of professional goals (750 words or less)
    - Official GRE scores (50<sup>th</sup> percentile recommended for admission)
    - CPR/Professional Rescuer for the healthcare provider
    - Documentation of 75 observation hours in athletic training

### Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with 3.00 or higher
- Enrollment is limited; selection is based upon:
  - Completion of admissions requirements, including prerequisite coursework
    - Prerequisites
      - Two semesters of anatomy and physiology with labs
      - One course in general psychology
      - One course in physiology of exercise
      - One course in biomechanics or kinesiology
      - One course in nutrition
      - One introductory health course
      - Twelve credits of laboratory science, including at least one course in biology and at least one course in chemistry of physics
  - Academic ability
  - Evidence of potential for future practice as an athletic trainer
  - Evidence of personality traits indicating an ability to work effectively with people
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Interview performance

## **Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Master of Science**

### Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three letters of recommendation (At least one letter will discuss the candidate's ability to succeed academically and all letters must be specific to the program at LHU.)
- Submit a statement of professional goals – one page in length
  - Professional goal statement must include a thorough discussion on the applicant's career goals. Furthermore, the statement needs to describe the purpose of attaining a degree in CMHC at Lock Haven University, specifically how this degree will help the applicant attain his/her professional goals.

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with 3.00 or higher in psychology (or a related discipline such as education, criminal justice, sociology, etc) from an accredited institution.
  - Applicants with a 2.85-2.99 undergraduate GPA with relevant life experience may be considered for an interview and if admitted to the graduate program, would be required to achieve a 3.0 GPA or better in their first 9 credit hours to remain in good academic standing.
  - Granting an interview with a candidate who has an undergraduate GPA below 2.5 will be at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.
- Completed coursework in research/statistics and abnormal psychology (these courses are preferred, but not required) at the undergraduate level with a minimum grade of B in each course prior to matriculation into the program
- Work and/or life experience relevant to the study of clinical mental health counseling
- Strong letters of reference from individuals knowledgeable about the applicant's academic preparation and/or relevant experience
- A strong personal interview with CMHC faculty

**Health Science – Master of Health Science**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three professional letters of recommendation
- Submit a personal mission statement (one page in length)

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Successful completion of academic prerequisites
- Academic ability
- Evidence of ability to work with people
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Successful completion of the interview process

**Physician Assistant – Master of Health Science**

Process:

- Submit an application through the [Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants](#) (CASPA) – Do not apply directly to Lock Haven University

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
  - Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
  - Satisfactory completion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
  - Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses
    - 2 courses in general chemistry
    - 2 courses in biology or zoology
    - Human anatomy\* – must be completed within five years of matriculation
    - Human physiology\* - must be completed within five years of matriculation
    - Human genetics
    - Microbiology
    - Statistics
- \*A combined two semester anatomy/physiology is acceptable

- While not required, the following courses are recommended as they better prepare students for the rigors of the program.
  - Organic chemistry
  - Biochemistry
  - Developmental psychology
  - Physics
  - Additional coursework in the behavioral sciences: psychology, sociology, anthropology
- All required courses must be completed within 10 years of matriculation
- Science courses with labs are preferred

### **Sport Science – Master of Science**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit official college transcripts
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a statement of professional goals

### **Teaching and Learning – Master of Education**

Process:

- Submit the [online application](#)
- Submit three letters of recommendation
- Submit a writing sample
  - Review a pertinent scholarly journal article or report published in a recent professional journal. Include the problem or issue, the author's viewpoint and supporting ideas. Also include your professional opinion in the final paragraphs of the essay. Your essay should not exceed 300 words. (You must submit a copy of the full text of the article along with your essay.)
- Submit official college transcript(s)
- Submit a copy of PA teaching certification (optional)

Criteria:

- Bachelor's degree with a 3.00 or higher

Transfer Credits:

- Students may transfer up to nine credits of graduate work from an accredited institution toward the elective requirements of the program. All transfer credits must be approved in writing by the Program Coordinator.

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