Graduate Degree Application for Admission



Thank you for your interest in Excelsior College.

Your first step toward your graduate degree is to complete this application. Please read it carefully and fill out each section completely. Admission to any graduate program requires a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent. If you have any questions as you are completing this application, please call the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 2 (or 518-464-8500 if calling from outside the U.S. or Canada).

Required Documents

You are required to submit official transcripts as part of the application process. Please note we do not accept electronic transcripts at this time. Official transcripts/documents are those that a college, testing agency, or education office submits directly to Excelsior College, Office of Registration and Records, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-5159. Official transcripts must include: the institution's official seal; registrar's signature (this is usually a stamp); and two forms of identification (e.g. social security number and current address, or current address and date of birth). Note: The issuance date of the transcript must be within three weeks or less. Do not submit unofficial copies as they cannot be used to evaluate prior credits.

Important Student Publications Available Online

The Excelsior College Student Policy Handbook is your resource for understanding the general academic and administrative policies that are important to your academic success. The handbook contains a wide range of information including important federal policies such as your right to privacy, policies governing student conduct, grading policies, and other helpful information. Access the handbook directly at www.excelsior.edu/studentpolicyhandbook.

Policies and procedures that only apply to a specific degree or certificate program are described in the appropriate school catalog. Store your *Student Policy Handbook* with your other important academic papers and your program catalog for easy reference.

You can access most of our publications, including school catalogs, the *Student Policy Handbook*, and other information including fees, payment options and plans, and financial aid information at our website. Visit www.excelsior.edu/publications to access our most frequently downloaded publications. Enroll online at <a href="www.excelsior.edu/enroll.edu/enrol

Apply for Financial Aid

Excelsior College offers federal financial aid and institutional scholarships to eligible students. To begin the financial aid process, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). For more information on available financial aid options, visit www.excelsior.edu/financialaid. The Excelsior College FAFSA code is 014251.

Military Candidates

Candidates who have served or are currently serving in a branch of the U.S. Military must submit the following documentation:

- Navy and Marine Corps: (JST) Joint Services Transcript
- Air Force: Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transcript
- Army (Active/Guard/Reserve): Joint Services Transcript (JST) or Form DD214 Report of Separation (only if enlisted and separated prior to October 1981)
- Coast Guard: Coast Guard Institute Transcript
- Service members with DLI Training: DLI Transcript and DLPT Score Report

International Candidates

International candidates from non-English speaking countries must show evidence of sufficient English language proficiency through **ONE** of the following three options:

1. Submission of TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 525 on the paper-based test or 69 on the Internet-based test;

MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery) with a minimum score of 75, or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum overall band score of 5.5. NOTE: Test must have been taken within the last two years of applying to Excelsior College.

- 2. Successful completion of Excelsior College's ENGx111: English Composition or the UExcel® ENGx110 College Writing examination.
- 3. Submission of evidence of the successful completion of at least 9 credit hours of academic work in courses delivered in English at an institution of higher education in the United States.

International Transcripts

In order for Excelsior College to consider credentials from outside of the United States, you must submit an application to the agency below to have your foreign credentials evaluated:

Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE): Order a Subject Analysis Report by visiting www.ece.org/excelsior or calling 414-289-3400.

Note to graduate degree applicants:

Admission to any graduate program requires a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent.

School of Business & Technology Candidates

Master of Business Administration Master of Science in Cybersecurity Master of Science in Management

Please direct any questions you may have as you complete this application to the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext 2, or email GradAdmissions@excelsior.edu.

School of Health Sciences

Master of Science in Health Sciences

If you are pursuing the Health Professions Education specialization, you are required to submit an official transcript from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent confirming completion of an allied health degree program. If this program was not completed at the bachelor's level then you also need to submit an official transcript that confirms completion of your bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent. In addition, you must provide photocopied documentation that you are eligible to practice in an allied health profession in your state of residence.

(This may include a license or certification.) Please direct any questions you may have as you complete this application to the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 2.

School of Liberal Arts Candidates

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

You are required to submit an essay with this application. Refer to the essay guidelines on page iv of this application. If you have any questions as you complete this application, please call the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 2, or email GradAdmissions@excelsior.edu.

School of Nursing Candidates

Master of Science in Nursing

You are required to submit:

- an official transcript from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent confirming completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing;
- evidence of your valid and active RN license (photocopy of license or letter from your state board of nursing) and,
- a completed MS Capstone Requirement form (www.excelsior.edu/capstone).

Applicants with a bachelor's degree in another field and a valid and current RN license should apply to the RN to MS program (see the Undergraduate Application for Admission form at this address https://my.excelsior.edu/group/myexcelsior-publications/2).

If you have any questions as you complete this application, please contact the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 2, or email GradAdmissions@excelsior.edu.

International students must demonstrate that they have an equivalent U.S. Registered Nurse (RN) licensure (see International Nurses School of Nursing Candidates, page iii).

School of Public Service Candidates

Master of Science in Criminal Justice or Master of Public Administration

You are required to submit an essay with this application. Refer to the essay guidelines on page iv of this application. If you have any questions as you complete this application, please call the Admissions Office at 888-647-2388, ext. 2, or email GradAdmissions @excelsior.edu.

School of Nursing, International Nurses Only

In addition to official transcripts, nursing candidates must demonstrate that they have an equivalent U.S. Registered Nurse (RN) licensure. To be eligible for admission, the applicant must be a graduate from an approved school of nursing in their country of education and hold a current, unencumbered nursing license (if licensed in multiple jurisdictions and/ or countries, all licenses must be unencumbered). All nursing school transcripts and all licenses will be validated by primary source verification.

International candidates must apply to the Commission on Graduate of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) New York Credential Verification Service (NYCVS) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to have their foreign nursing education evaluated and approved by the aforementioned organizations. For more information, visit

http://www.cgfns.org/sections/programs/cvs/

Since NYSED only issues an official NCLEX eligibility document to applicants directly, and will not send the document to Excelsior College, international applicants must forward the unopened official NCLEX eligibility document to Excelsior College. When international applicants receive the official NYSED document in its sealed envelope, they must insert the unopened envelope into an outer envelope and forward it to Excelsior College. International applicants should also write their full name, permanent address, and date of birth on the outer envelope.

For the evaluation of credentials from outside the United States, all applicants must use one of the approved agencies noted previously. CGFNS New York Credential Verification Service (NYCVS) and the International Consultants of Delaware (ICD) Course by Course Services are offering Excelsior College applicants a discount when using their combined services. This bundle service package represents

significant savings with a discount being applied to the ICD Course by Course Service. This one-stop service helps applicants reduce expenses and save time in completing all the required procedures necessary for admission. If applicants choose to apply for NYCVS and the Course by Course Service separately, they will pay the full price. Applicants who wish to take advantage of this bundle service package must visit

https://www.cgfns.org/cerpassweb/contactUs.do

and submit their questions to Ms. Janette McCoy at CGFNS. After connecting to the Web page, please follow the instructions below to submit your questions.

- Ignore the error or warning texts in red.
- For the "Who are you?" question, please select "Other" from the dropdown list.
- Answer the questions by providing your first name, last name, and email address.
- Select "Credential Verification Service for New York State" radio button under "Service."
- Select the last option "NY/Excelsior" from the dropdown list under "Subject."
- Type in your questions or comments, then click "Submit Form" button. Your email will be directed to Ms. Janette McCoy's attention at CGFNS.

All official documents must be in sealed envelopes from the original source. In the event that Excelsior College receives an opened document, it will be considered unofficial and will not be considered for eligibility or evaluation; the opened document will be returned to the applicant. In this case, it becomes the applicant's responsibility to contact NYSED or ICD and request another official copy to be forwarded, unopened, to Excelsior College by the applicant.

School of Liberal Arts

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Candidates Only

Guidelines for the Admissions Essay

The admissions essay is your opportunity to explain your interest in earning a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College. This essay is the primary means by which we will assess your preparedness for the program. Because good writing skills will be very important to your success in this program, we will use your essay to assess your ability to communicate effectively in writing. Therefore, the essay should represent your best writing effort.

In a direct, concise essay of 800–1200 words, your personal essay should address how the MALS program can help you achieve your personal, professional, and academic goals; your preparedness for graduate-level study; your experience and/or aptitude for completing academic work at a distance; and any special abilities, qualities, or life experiences you will bring to the program.

There are two options for students wanting to complete the MALS degree: the Capstone option and the Thesis option. For the Capstone option, students take an 8-week Capstone course designed to allow students to showcase their skills in performing interdisciplinary study of a topic presented in the course, ending with a culminating project. Students choosing the Capstone option should note that in their essay and also discuss why interdisciplinary studies is important to their goals. Alternatively, students may choose the Thesis option in which the program concludes with the 15-week Thesis course and submission of the Master's Thesis. Students specifically interested in the Thesis option should note that in their essay and also explore an area of focus that they wish to examine throughout the program and for their thesis.

NOTE: Because good writing skills will be very important for your success, the essay will be used to assess your ability to communicate effectively in writing. Therefore, the essay should represent your best writing effort.

School of Public Service

Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Master of Public Administration candidates only

Guidelines for the Admissions Essay

In the pursuit of graduate education, a student's ability to communicate effectively in writing is an absolute necessity. A candidate for admission to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice/Master of Public Administration program is required to submit a personal statement essay with their application. This essay is designed to provide the candidate with an opportunity to explain to the admissions committee why he or she is interested in pursuing the MSCJ/MPA and serves as a sample of the candidate's writing ability. The essay should be creative, organized and original. The use of correct grammar, punctuation, spelling and syntax are essential.

In a 1200–1500 word, double-spaced essay, convey how graduate study enhances your career goals. Also discuss related qualifications including academic preparedness, professional

experience, and/or community activities, and any other significant accomplishments. Please indicate any previous experience with online education.

Upon completion of the applicant's admissions file, the MSCJ/MPA Admissions Committee will review all applications and may grant or deny admission to the program. Cohorts begin throughout the year. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

NOTE: Because good writing skills will be very important for your success, the essay will be used to assess your ability to communicate effectively in writing. Therefore, the essay should represent your best writing effort.



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For Office Use

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DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSION

We must receive an official transcript confirming completion of your bachelor's degree (earned from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent) as well as official transcripts for graduate coursework and/or degrees, if applicable. [NOTE: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) applicants MUST have a bachelor's degree in the field of nursing and a valid and current active RN license. In addition, MSN applicants must submit a completed MS Capstone Requirement form (www.excelsior.edu/capstone). Applicants with a bachelor's degree in another field and a valid and current RN license should apply to the RN to MS program (see the Undergraduate Application for Admission form at this address https://my.excelsior.edu/group/myexcelsior.publications/2).]

List all institutions that will be submitting **official transcripts** on your behalf. You must submit the transcript of your bachelor's degree (earned from a regionally accredited college or university or the foreign equivalent) and any transcripts from institutions where you previously completed graduate-level course work. Please note that we do not accept electronic transcripts at this time. Do not submit unofficial copies as they cannot be used to evaluate your prior credits. We will process your application once all official transcripts listed have been received.

Official transcripts are those that a college, testing agency, or education office submits directly to:

Excelsior College Office of Registration and Records 7 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-5159

NOTE: The issuance date of the transcript must be within three weeks or less and must have two forms of ID on the transcript (e.g. social security number and current address, current address and date of birth, last four numbers of your social security number and date of birth).

Official transcripts must be submitted at the request of the student. Excelsior College does not request transcripts on the student's behalf. Excelsior College reserves the right to verify all transcripts/documents received to ensure authenticity. Submission of fraudulent documents will result in academic dismissal from the College.

Degree transcripts submitt	ed for consideration:				
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When the College evaluates the credits you have earned, you toward your academic program and which credits you still nee without delay. Please make certain that you complete your en	ed to earn. You can view these	e documents at the Excels	ior College website conveniently and
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As a student enrolling in Excelsior College, I agree to respond College regarding my studies, to notify my ESO/Education Co and to meet all of my financial obligations to Excelsior College authorized my ESO/Education Counselor to submit official do Counselor pertinent information regarding my status in Excels and status in the program.	unselor and Excelsior College e. Since my ESO/Education C cuments on my behalf. I also	e of any change in name, a Counselor will assist me in authorize Excelsior Colleg	ddress, or Social Security number, planning a course of study, I have e to release to my ESO/Education
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I certify that the above statements are true and correct. I use and that it is my responsibility to submit a complete applicand be bound by all requirements and policies of the Colleg Handbook, and the catalog pertaining to the program in which policy included in the Graduate Fee Schedule. My signature the Excelsior College website (www.excelsior.edu/about/tra	ation package. I agree that ge, as set forth in this Gradu nich I am seeking to enroll. I be below indicates I have reac	if accepted for enrollment tate Degree Application fo have also read and unde	t in the College, I will comply with or Admission, the Student Policy rstand the application fee refund
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Excelsior College Bursar's Office 7 Columbia Circle Albany, New York 12203-5159

FAX: 518-464-8700

My bachelor's degree was obtained through Regents College/Excelsior College. I do not need to submit an official transcript for my undergraduate degree.
My bachelor's degree transcript has been requested or I have checked the box on page 3 of this application to grant Excelsior College permission to request it on my behalf. Enter college name:
Official transcripts of graduate coursework and/or degrees, if applicable
Essay required for the following (must accompany your application): MA in liberal studies candidates MS in criminal justice candidates Master of Public Administration candidates
MS in health sciences candidates for the health professions education specialization only: A photocopy of documentation that you are eligible to practice in an allied health profession in your state of residence and an official transcript confirming completion of an allied health program.
MS in nursing candidates only: Photocopy of RN license or a letter from your state board of nursing confirming your active and current registration, official transcript verifying an earned Bachelor's in Nursing degree and, a completed MS Capstone Requirement form (www.excelsior.edu/capstone).
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
Please answer both questions (a) and (b) below.
(a) Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina? Yes No
(b) Please select the racial/ethnic group(s) you identify with regardless of your answer to the above question (you may select more than one):
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Black or African American ☐ White ☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Please check the appropriate box(es) for any degree(s) you have already earned. Associate Bachelor's Master's
Parental Education Level:
Please mark the highest level of education received by your parents.
Mother Father Did not finish high school
Household Income: In which of the following ranges does your annual household income fall?
Less than \$24,999. \$70,000 to \$84,999 \$25,000 to \$34,999 \$85,000 to \$99,999 \$35,000 to \$44,999 \$100,000 to \$119,999 \$100,000 to \$120,000 \$45,000 to \$54,999 \$100,000 \$100,000

CHECKLIST OF APPLICATION MATERIALS

Name:	Social Security #:
PAYMENT	
When you submit this Graduate Degree Application for Admission, be sure to include enclosed fee schedule). If you are unsure of the current fee, please contact us toll for order payable to Excelsior College in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank, or complete fee is nonrefundable. All fees are subject to change without notice.	ree at 888-647-2388 (ext. 2). Make your check or money
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