



Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Academic eligibility for admission into Pacific Adventist University undergraduate courses is gained upon meeting at least one of the following requirements.

- The successful completion of Year Twelve High School Certificate or its equivalent as prescribed later in this section.
- The successful completion of a diploma or degree from a recognised tertiary institution.

High School Certificate Requirements

HSC (Higher School Certificate) - Papua New Guinea

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English with a minimum of upper C level pass.

FSLC (Fiji School Leaving Certificate) - Fiji

- Matriculation: A pass in four subjects, including an upper C in English with an aggregate score of not less than 250 points.

PSSC (Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate) - Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English, with an aggregate score of not more than 13 points.
- A pass is defined as a rating of 4 or less on a scale of 1 (highest) to 9 (lowest), in a subject. English should be passed at 3 or better.

HSC (Higher School Certificate) - New South Wales, Australia

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English. 65 UAI.

SSC (Senior School Certificate) - Queensland, Australia

- Possession of a Senior Certificate which records the study of at least 4 Board subjects, including English for 4 consecutive semesters.
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which the applicants overall position (OP) in Board subjects is recorded 1-13.
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which is recorded field positions from 1-6 in English (Written Expression) and Mathematics.

NZ NCEA (New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 2) - New Zealand

- Matriculation: Passes in 4 subjects, including English, with an aggregate score of not more than 13 points.
- A pass is defined as a rating of 4 or higher, on a scale of 1 (highest) to 9 (lowest), in a subject
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which is recorded field positions from 1-6 in English (Written Expression) and Mathematics

NB: Cultural and vernacular subjects are not accepted in the calculation of the aggregate scores for determining entrance.

Special Admission Requirements

In addition to standard entry requirements, the following courses require additional prerequisites or have advanced standing arrangements as outlined below.

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This program is offered to students who score a minimum B in all their Higher School Certificate subjects. As it involves a broad multi-disciplinary program, students can choose from a wide variety of course combinations. The GPA required for this course is 2.5 and above.

Bachelor of Business (BBus)

A minimum of B pass in Mathematics at the Matriculation level is required. No prior work experience is required. Students need to achieve a GPA of 2.7 or better at their matriculation to be admitted to this programme.

Diploma of Business (SAC) articulation to Bachelor of Business

Students who have successfully completed the requirements of Diploma of Business (Accounting) or the Diploma of Business (Accounting and Management) on the Sonoma campus will be deemed to have met the requirements for the first two of either the Bachelor of Business (Accounting) or the Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Management) programme on the basis of the direct transfer of their academic credit to the new award. Student must then complete four (4) further semesters (2 years) of study to meet the requirements of the degree.

Students who complete a Diploma in Business on the Sonoma campus prior to 2003 will need to have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.7 in the diploma studies and have relevant work experience in order to be considered for admission directly into the third year of the degree programme.

Students who graduated prior to 2003 and achieved a GPA between 2.5 and 2.7 in the diploma programme will need to complete a prescribed 6 credit programme of bridging studies prior to being admitted to the third year of the degree programme.

Students who have achieved a GPA between 2.2 and 2.5 will need to complete a 9 credit point programme of bridging studies prior to being admitted to the third year of the degree programme. Bridging studies programme with 2.20 GPA will be deemed to have met the requirements for the first two years of the Bachelor of Business programme on the basis of the direct transfer of their academic credit to the new award. Students must then successfully complete two further years of study at the Koiari Park Campus to meet the requirements of the degree.

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (BEd (Sec))

A minimum B pass in Mathematics A for students taking Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics as content areas. A minimum upper C pass in subjects directly related to major and minor content area. However, exception is made for Religious Studies since this subject is not always studied at Higher School Certificate level.

Bachelor of Nursing (BN)

A minimum of upper C pass in Mathematics A or a minimum B pass in Mathematics B; plus a minimum upper C pass in on science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics). NB. The Academic Registrar will advise on minimum equivalence grade for non-PNG applicants

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

A minimum B pass in Mathematics A or a minimum B pass in two science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Diploma in Ministerial Studies (SAC) (DipMinStud) articulation to Bachelor of Ministry and Theology (BMinTh)

The full Bachelor of Arts in Theology programme is not offered on Sonoma campus. Students who wish to apply for admission to the degree on the Koiari Park campus must have first successfully completed the requirements for the 99 semester credit point PAU Diploma in Ministerial Studies programme on the Sonoma campus with a demonstrated ability to succeed in higher levels studies. Entry to the degree programme will require the attainment of a cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Students who have achieved a GPA between 2.5 and 2.7 in the Diploma of Ministerial Studies programme will need to complete a prescribed 6 credit programme of bridging studies prior to being admitted to the final year programme.

Students who have a cumulative GPA between 2.2 and 2.5 will need to complete a 9 credit point programme of bridging studies prior to being admitted to the final year of the programme. Bridging studies will be offered at Sonoma during the mid year break during the two-year pastoral placement period. Students successfully completing the bridging programme with GPA 2.20 will be deemed to have met the requirements for the first three years of the Bachelor of Arts in Theology programme. Students then successfully complete one further year of study at the Koiari Park campus to meet the requirements of the degree.

In order to gain admission into the Diploma of Ministerial Studies programme taught at Sonoma campus, applicants are normally required to meet the same admission criteria as those for the degree programme which requires a Higher School Certificate (HSC) from PNG with a pass in 4 subjects, including English with a minimum upper C level pass (GPA no less than 2.00)

Postgraduate Admission Requirements

Academic eligibility for admission into Pacific Adventist University's postgraduate courses is gained upon meeting the specific requirements for the chosen programme of study as outlined below.

Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSC (Hons))

Academic eligibility for admission for direct admission into the Bachelor of Science (Honours) is met if a prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree. Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) must also have good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the University. Relevant work experience may be taken into account for research degree admission.

Master in Leadership and Development (MLD) and Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Development (PG-DipLD)

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master in Leadership and Development is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7 or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7 or the equivalent at another institution.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Development serves as an indirect entry point for those who do not initially meet the minimum GPA 2.7.

Academic eligibility for admission into the Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Development is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a PAU GPA of 2.2 or above, or the equivalent from another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree.

A student enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Development will be eligible for an enrolment transfer into the Master in Leadership and Development, subject to successful completion of 2 subjects with a GPA of 2.7 or higher. Applicants for either the Master in Leadership and Development or Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Development must also:

- Have at least 2 years work experience or be currently employed in the development industry; and
- Be recommended by their employer or other relevant superior in their professional field; and
- Have a commitment to serving diverse peoples and communities; and
- Have a good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with aims and philosophy of the university.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Philosophy is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7 or the equivalent at another institution.

Applicants for the Master of Philosophy must show evidence of ability in research and writing and must also have good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the University. Relevant work experience may be taken into account for research degree admission.

Master of Theology (MTheol)

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Theology is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.7 or the equivalent at another institution.

Where the proposed research is in the area of Biblical Studies, it will be expected that the student has already undertaken two Greek subjects and/or two Hebrew subjects at the undergraduate level.

Master in Education (Christian Educational Leadership) [MEd(CEL)] and Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Christian Educational Leadership) (PgradDipEdLead)

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Education (Christian Education Leadership) is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum cumulative PAU GPA of 2.7 or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum cumulative PAU GPA of 2.7, or the equivalent at another institution.

The following are also required to be considered for admission into the Master of Education (Christian Educational Leadership).

- A minimum of 2 years teaching/administrative experience in secondary schools or related roles in education.
- Eligible applicants may seek advanced standing by submitting documentary evidence of course completed at the time of initial enrolment. The Course Coordinator will then determine the number of units of credits and subjects to be granted. Advanced standing for this course will be considered in accordance with the university policies on academic credit regulations
- A recommendation letter from the respective head teacher/school administrator.

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- Applicants must also be able to meet the criteria of good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the institution.
- Applicants with equivalent or alternative qualifications will be considered on merit.
- Considerations may be also made for those working in other educational related organizations and are keen in pursuing leadership roles in the area of Christian Education.

Responses to Applications

Applicants will be advised by mail and/or email as soon as practicable that Pacific Adventist University has received their applications. Successful applicants will normally be officially advised of an offer of acceptance into Pacific Adventist University course in early December.

Pacific Adventist University may decline to admit any person in any year or course of study on the grounds of:

- Applicants not satisfying the University's academic requirements at this University or at other institutions
- Applications exceeding the quotas that have been set by the Academic Senate for a given course
- Applicant not satisfying the University's moral standards

The university reserves the right to decline admission of any person without necessarily specifying reason.

The Admissions Officer will notify all successful applicants via letter, fax or email after the Academic Senate has formally approved the list of accepted applications. All students accepted for study at Pacific Adventist University must sign an agreement that while registered as students of the University, they will adhere to the high moral standards of the University and not consume alcohol, use tobacco, betelnut, and illicit drugs on and off campus or bring such substances on the campus.

Student Responses to Offers of Acceptance

Offers of place at Pacific Adventist University are open for a limited time only and successful applicant must advise the University in writing of the acceptance to the University's offer. Applicants who fail to advise the University within the given specified time may have their offers withdrawn and the University Admissions Office may reallocate them to other applicants.

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