GPS programs require:

1. For the undergraduate programs, a minimum of 2.2 Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and the equivalent of 45-60 semester hours or an Associate’s degree. Students with less than a 2.2 GPA may be considered and accepted on a conditional basis provided they are able to demonstrate a significant rationale for why they feel they will be successful in the chosen program.

Exceptions to GPA Requirements for GPS programs include:

   a. RN-BSN: 2.75
   b. Elementary Education: 3.0
   c. PMBA: 3.0
   d. TMBA: 3.0
   e. M. Ed.: 3.0
   f. MSN: 3.0
   g. DNP: 3.25 (Master’s GPA)
   h. Pathway: 2.6 (High School GPA or 2.0 undergraduate for 30 s.h. or more transfer credit)
   i. Associate of Arts: 2.6 (High School GPA or 2.0 undergraduate for 30 s.h. or more transfer credit)

2. A completed “Plan of Study” to document how additional credits in electives and general education will be earned for those students who will need extra courses to meet the required 124 credits for graduation.

Program Specific Acceptance Criteria

Criminal Justice (CRJU) BS Acceptance Criteria
Complete Principles of Criminal Justice (CRJU 1500). Students with 45-60 hours may apply for admission; however, they must meet with a King student success specialist to develop a specific written plan that will outline how they will complete the Criminal Justice program within a reasonable amount of time after completing the required coursework at King.

Psychology (PSYC) BS Acceptance Criteria
General Psychology (PSYC 2000) is a pre-requisite for all courses in the Psychology program. King offers the course online.
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Acceptance Criteria
1. Graduation from an accredited Master of Science nursing program with a minimum GPA of 3.25/4.0 for MSN coursework.
2. Official transcript documenting completion of a Master of Science in Nursing with specific course work or content in nursing theory, nursing research, health care informatics, and cultural, social, political issues in health care.
3. Submission of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Current unrestricted licensure to practice as an RN in Tennessee or a compact state.
5. Copy of certification in advanced practice, if applicable.
6. Current Curriculum Vitae demonstrating professional endeavors and accomplishments, education, career experience, and community service/volunteer experience.
7. Submission of a formal paper identifying an evidence-based translational research practice problem, a 300-word essay describing reasons for seeking the DNP degree, and a narrative outlining practice/leadership/professional experiences.
8. Computer literacy, with the ability to send and download attachments, conduct database searches, and possess competence in word processing, presentation software with voice-over and/or screencasting ability, and spreadsheets.
9. Candidates with eligible files are invited for a face-to-face interview with a member of the DNP admissions committee as a part of the admission process.
10. Completion of the online application process.
11. $125 non-refundable application fee.

Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) Acceptance Criteria
1. Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Students should have coursework in the following:
   a. Statistics
   b. Marketing
   c. Finance
   d. Economics
   e. Accounting
   f. Recommended: Computer applications (spreadsheet and database applications)

Students who do not meet the above course requirements will be enrolled in the following: Business Principles Seminars: BUSA 4890: Statistics, BUSA 4891: Economics, BUSA 4892: Accounting, BUSA 4893: Finance, and BUSA 4894: Marketing in the appropriate semester of the program. These business principles seminars must be completed as a necessary part of the MBA curriculum and must be completed prior to the start of the corresponding course in the MBA program.

Evaluation of the student’s attendance/participation in the prerequisite courses will be pass/fail. Students who fail to complete a prerequisite class will not be permitted to continue their enrollment in the MBA program until
the required course is completed or alternative prerequisite is substituted for
the course.

2. Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better on all prior
academic work.

Work Experience Requirement
Professional MBA students must possess at least two years of full-time
verifiable work experience after completion of their bachelor’s degree.
Students will submit a current resume to verify work experience.

Traditional Master of Business Administration (MBA) Acceptance Criteria
1. Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or
university.
2. Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or better on all prior
academic work. Students who do not meet this requirement may be
conditionally accepted.
3. Participate in an interview with the Director of the traditional MBA program.

Work Experience Requirement
Traditional MBA students are not required to have prior work experience.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Acceptance Criteria
1. Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate nursing program with a
minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Satisfactory completion of the following undergraduate courses: Statistics,
Nursing Research and Health Assessment (as separate courses or as an
integrated concept) with a course grade of B or better. Pathophysiology is
highly recommended for Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator students.
3. Submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
4. Current unrestricted licensure to practice as an RN in Tennessee
(compact/multi-state accepted).
5. Current CPR or BLS certification (Adult and Child).
6. Submission of the Graduate Admissions Essay, as stated in the application.
7. Competitive Family Nurse Practitioner applicants are invited for an in-person
interview and impromptu writing sample as part of the admissions process.
8. All students should be computer literate with ability to send and download
attachments. Familiarity with Excel is required for the MSN/MBA program,
including spreadsheet, database management, and presentation graphics.
9. Completion of business foundation courses either prior to admission to the
MSN/MBA program or during the course of study but prior to the related
BUSA course.
10. Students seeking entry into the Family Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Educator
programs may strengthen their applications by having completed
undergraduate courses in Statistics, Nursing Research, Health Assessment,
and Pathophysiology.
Master of Education (seeking licensure)
1. Completion of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college/university.
2. Research-based writing sample.
3. GRE test scores
4. Applicants may be selected for a faculty interview.

Pathway Acceptance Criteria
2. Pay the non-refundable $25 application processing fee.
3. Submit official transcripts from all prior colleges attended. If a student has fewer than 30 transferrable credits, a high school transcript or GED must also be submitted. Applicants who have been out of high school fewer than five (5) years must submit ACT/SAT scores.
4. Declare on the application which degree program he or she plans to enter after completion of the Pathway courses.

Bachelor of Science for Registered Nurses (RN-BSN) Acceptance Criteria
1. Be a registered nurse and have earned an Associate of Science degree (AS) from an ACEN or CCNE accredited nursing program or equivalent college level courses for a diploma graduate.
2. Have maintained a cumulative minimum 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in previous coursework at the community college or diploma program level.
3. Submit a copy of a current unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse from the Tennessee Board of Nursing or a compact Multi-State license.
   a. Students should not be on probation and must report any past or current disciplinary action taken by a State Board.
   b. If a student fails to pass the licensure exam but he/she has already been admitted into the nursing program, he/she will be allowed to continue in the QUEST program, but must receive a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN in order to continue in nursing courses.
4. Submit current CPR or BLS certification (adult, child, and infant).

Elementary Education
1. Have Associate of Science in Teaching or Associate of Arts in Education.
2. Have maintained a cumulative minimum 2.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in previous coursework.
3. Complete assessment (PPST/CBT) or the Praxis Core Academic Skills Assessment. Applicants with ACT composite scores of 23 or higher or SAT math/verbal scores of 1020 or higher are exempt.