

TRUE BENEFITS

A student with a purple backpack is walking away from the camera on a grassy path. To the left is a blue metal fence with circular patterns. The background is a blurred campus scene with trees and buildings under bright sunlight.

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TENNESSEE**

STATE UNIVERSITY.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE 2019-20



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Guaranteed Incoming Freshman Academic Scholarships

For students starting in summer or fall only

Incoming freshmen who plan to enroll at MTSU must have ALL of the following on file in the Admissions Office by **Dec. 1** to be considered for a scholarship:

- Application for admission as a new incoming freshman
- Admission application fee paid
- Qualifying official ACT and/or SAT test score
- Only ACT/SAT scores through the December test date are considered. MTSU will not consider writing test subscores or accept test superscores in regard to scholarship consideration.
- Qualifying official **sixth-semester** high school transcript with cumulative GPA requirement (transcript must reflect GPA through end of junior year)
- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

No scholarship application is required for guaranteed academic scholarships. Student will receive notification of the scholarship award offer by February. To take advantage of the scholarship offer, students must accept the scholarship by May 1!

Students can receive this scholarship for up to four years (or eight semesters) as long as the scholarship renewal eligibility requirements are met.

Scholarship	ACT (SAT)	GPA	Per Year
National Merit/Achievement/Hispanic Semifinalist			\$6,000
Trustee Scholarship	30 (1390)	3.5	\$5,000
Presidential Scholarship	25 (1200)	3.5	\$4,500
True Blue Scholarship	23 (1130)	3.5	\$2,000

Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships

Competitive Incoming Freshman Scholarships

For students starting in summer or fall only

National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Achievement Scholarships

\$6,000 per year for four years

Students must submit the letter from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation verifying semifinalist status, or from the College Board for National Hispanic Recognition Program based on PSAT scores, to MT One Stop. Priority deadline is Feb. 15. No separate scholarship application is required.

Buchanan Fellowship

This is the highest award given to an entering freshman in the University Honors College. A minimum ACT score of 29 (or SAT of 1360)* and a minimum 3.5 GPA are required for consideration. Buchanan Fellows will receive (1) an amount equal to 16 hours of in- or out-of-state tuition and fees, (2) a \$1,000 book allowance, and (3) consideration for study abroad scholarships. Up to 20 fellowships may be awarded per year. For more information and an application, please visit mtsu.edu/honors/scholarships.php.

MTSU DREAM Scholarship

Diverse Representation and Educational Access at MTSU

Middle Tennessee State University values the richness of learning opportunities brought through diversity in our student body and faculty. For the purpose of this scholarship, diversity is considered to include (but is not limited to) any of the following: veterans, nontraditional students, disability status, first-generation college students, gender identity/expression, personal hardships, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, or special gifts or talents. Recipients of the DREAM Scholarship may receive \$2,000 per year for four years.

DREAM Scholarship eligibility requirements

- An incoming freshman joining the University in the summer or fall semester
- A Tennessee resident and U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- A graduate of a Tennessee high school or Tennessee home-school

In addition, you must

- meet current academic and other eligibility requirements for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship as of the Feb. 15 scholarship application deadline
- have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less on FAFSA
- enroll full time for every fall and spring semester
- complete the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website by Feb. 15
- meet diversity requirements

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student such as the Guaranteed Academic Scholarships, the National Scholarships, Buchanan Fellowship, and Freshman DREAM Scholarship), the student will be awarded the higher of the two. A student may receive a University scholarship in addition to a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.





SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS

An incoming transfer is a student who has not attended MTSU previously (except through a dual enrollment arrangement while still in high school).

Academic Scholarships

Students who plan to transfer to MTSU for the summer or fall term and are interested in these transfer scholarships must have ALL of the following materials on file in the Admissions Office by Feb. 15:

- Admission application
- Application fee
- Official college transcripts (through the fall semester) reflecting the required earned hours and cumulative GPA requirement (in-progress courses will not count as earned hours)
- Official high school transcript if applicable
- Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Guaranteed Incoming Transfer Academic Scholarships

For students starting in summer or fall only

MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarships

\$3,000 per year for two years

Requirements

- 3.0 cumulative college GPA
- 45–105 earned hours after the fall semester before summer or fall enrollment at MTSU
- Application for admission and all scholarship requirements completed by Feb. 15. Hours must be earned as of Feb.15. In-progress courses will not count as earned hours.

No separate scholarship application is required for the Transfer Promise Scholarship. Students will receive notification of scholarship award offer by April. To take advantage of the scholarship offer, students must accept the scholarship by June 1!

The Fine Print

Recipients must meet GPA, enrollment, and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to maintain continuing eligibility. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The awarding of scholarships is based on the availability of funds and the criteria set forth by the appropriate governing bodies and is subject to change.

In the event that MTSU offers multiple scholarships to a student, such as the Transfer Promise Scholarship, the Honors Transfer Fellowship, and the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, only one scholarship can be accepted. Students who are offered two scholarships will be awarded the higher of the two. A student may receive a University scholarship in addition to a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship.

A student’s total aid including scholarships cannot exceed his or her budgeted cost of attendance.

Competitive Incoming Transfer Scholarships

For students starting in summer or fall only

Honors Transfer Fellowship

The highest award given to a transfer student, this fellowship is awarded by the University Honors College. Honors Transfer Fellows will receive \$7,000 per year for two years; a limited number of recipients incurring out-of-state tuition may receive \$14,000 per year. For more information and an application, please visit the Honors College website at mtsu.edu/honors/transfer.php. Requirements: a minimum of 60 earned hours with at least a 3.5 college GPA

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship

The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship is available to transfer students who are members of PTK and who will be enrolling at MTSU for the first time in the summer or fall semester. Priority is given to transfer students who have been selected as members of the All-Tennessee Academic Team. Recipients will be awarded \$4,000 per year for two years. For consideration, the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship application must be submitted via the online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website by March 1 (see page 10).

Recipients must meet GPA, enrollment, and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements to maintain continuing eligibility. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Recipients cannot receive a MTSU Transfer Promise Scholarship or an Honors Transfer Fellowship if they are receiving the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. The student will be awarded the higher-dollar scholarship. Applicants will be notified in April regarding the scholarship award offer decision.

Foundation and Departmental Scholarships

For additional information on these scholarships, see page 7.

Transferring a Lottery Scholarship

Students currently receiving a Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship and expecting to transfer to MTSU may be eligible to receive the award at MTSU; students transferring from an out-of-state institution may qualify if they were initially eligible at the time of high school graduation. Initial and continuing eligibility must be verified before the award can be applied.

If you believe you may be eligible for a Lottery Scholarship, complete the following steps.

- Inform your current school’s financial aid office so your Lottery Scholarship can be canceled (if applicable).
- If you did not list MTSU as the first school when you initially filed your FAFSA, inform the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) of your plans to transfer.
- Submit all required admission documents to the MTSU Admissions Office, including official high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores. We are required to verify initial eligibility even if you have already received the scholarship at another school.
- Submit an official full transcript (through your final semester at your previous school) to the MTSU Admissions Office.
- When you see all of your transfer hours showing on your MTSU transcript in PipelineMT, submit a TELS Transfer Form to request that your account be reviewed.

Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

The following one-year scholarships are available for current MTSU students. A current MTSU student is a student who was enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the previous spring semester. To be considered, a student must submit an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by the Feb. 15 deadline and must meet GPA requirements as of the Feb. 15 deadline.

MT Diversity Scholarship

MT Diversity Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, diversity, and financial need. Awards are typically \$500–\$2,000 for one year. Award amounts will vary depending on academic achievement and level of financial need and will be prorated based on enrollment. Currently enrolled undergraduates must have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5, must file a FAFSA by Feb. 15, and must meet diversity requirements. Award amounts and criteria may vary depending on funding and the number of eligible applicants.

Diversity. MTSU has a rich blend of students from a variety of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that bring with them a diverse array of life experiences. For the purpose of these scholarships, diversity is considered to include, but is not limited to, any of the following

- Disability status
- First-generation college students
- Gender identity/expression
- Nontraditional students
- Personal hardships
- Race or ethnicity
- Sexual orientation
- Special gifts or talents
- Veteran status

Scholarships for nontraditional students and veterans are available!
Visit mtsu.edu/scholarships and mtsu.edu/jac

Departmental Scholarships

Several MTSU departments offer scholarships to students participating in certain courses or activities. Students may or may not be required to major in a particular area to qualify for such scholarships. Students are encouraged to contact departments of interest to ask about scholarship opportunities. See a complete listing of MTSU departments at mtsu.edu/provost/acad.php.

Foundation Scholarships

MTSU academic and administrative departments offer approximately 700 endowed scholarships to hundreds of students each year. Application processes and deadlines vary; many scholarships require online applications or paper applications, while others are awarded based on academic achievement or other factors and do not require an application. **Most application deadlines are on or before Feb. 15.**

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office awards approximately 80 Foundation Scholarships. These awards require an online scholarship application through the MTSU Scholarship website (see page 10) by **Feb. 15**.

Private Scholarship Opportunities

Millions of scholarships are offered by private companies, clubs, civic groups, and other organizations. For more information, please visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/private.

FAFSA Information MTSU's School code: 003510

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the federal application for grants, loans, and other programs available through the federal government. However, the FAFSA is also used in determining eligibility for most state aid programs and many MTSU scholarships. Visit fafsa.gov.

The FAFSA is available Oct. 1 each year for the upcoming academic year. File the FAFSA as soon after Oct. 1 as possible. To be considered for FSEOG funds (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) and/or Federal Work-study funds, MTSU's FAFSA filing priority date is Jan. 16, 2019.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS)

Visit tn.gov/CollegePays for more information about Lottery Scholarships and other state scholarship and grant programs.

Initial Eligibility

Tennessee residents with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT (without writing test scores) OR a 3.0 GPA* at an eligible high school may qualify for a lottery scholarship. A lottery recipient will receive a base Hope award of \$1,750–\$2,250 per semester for full-time enrollment, depending on grade level. An additional \$500–\$750 per semester may be awarded through a high-need or high-academic supplement. Students who are enrolled part time and otherwise eligible will receive a prorated award amount. Graduates of a home-school program or ineligible Tennessee high school (such as a nonaccredited private school) may qualify with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT and should contact MT One Stop to request an eligibility review. Nontraditional students and GED graduates may contact MT One Stop to determine their eligibility. **For all lottery types, the student must submit a FAFSA as the scholarship application.**

*Please note: The lottery GPA is calculated based on the state's Uniform Grading Policy and may differ from the high school's weighted or unweighted GPA. Most students will have a lottery GPA lower than the GPA listed on the high school transcript. We recommend that students check with their high school guidance office for information about the lottery GPA formula.

Meeting Lottery Scholarship Requirements

How can you keep your Lottery Scholarship? Aim for a 3.0 TELS GPA and maintain it! We'll check your GPA after 24

attempted hours, then again every 24 hours after that (48, 72, 96, etc.). Remember that the lottery GPA formula is different than MTSU's GPA formula, and your lottery GPA may be lower than your MTSU GPA.

Enroll in at least one class every fall and spring semester; don't skip any semesters except summer (but you must enroll in at least 6 hours to receive a scholarship for summer). Be careful about dropping classes. Don't drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 12 hours for the semester. If you started the semester as part-time (6 to 11 hours), don't drop a class if it will cause you to fall below 6 hours for that semester.

If you otherwise maintain eligibility for the lottery scholarship(s), you can receive the scholarship(s) until the earliest of:

1) Earning your first bachelor's degree; 2) five years have passed after starting college; or 3) the latter of having attempted 120 credit hours or receiving the lottery scholarship(s) for the equivalent of eight semesters of full-time enrollment. Be careful to take only the classes you need and plan your class schedule carefully as you approach the limit.

Check your TELS GPA and attempted hours (on the Financial Aid tab in PipelineMT) frequently to know how you're doing.

If you lose your Lottery Scholarship, can you get it back?

You may be able to appeal if you lost your Lottery Scholarship because you didn't meet the enrollment requirements due to extenuating circumstances. You may be able to regain eligibility later by raising your GPA at a future 24-hour bracket if you lost your scholarship because you didn't meet the GPA requirements. You can use your one-time-only Repeat Option to help you reach the GPA requirement.



Meeting MTSU Scholarship Requirements

Any student receiving a renewable academic or endowed scholarship from MTSU must meet continuing eligibility requirements. Your scholarship award agreement will include information about online requirements to retain the scholarship.

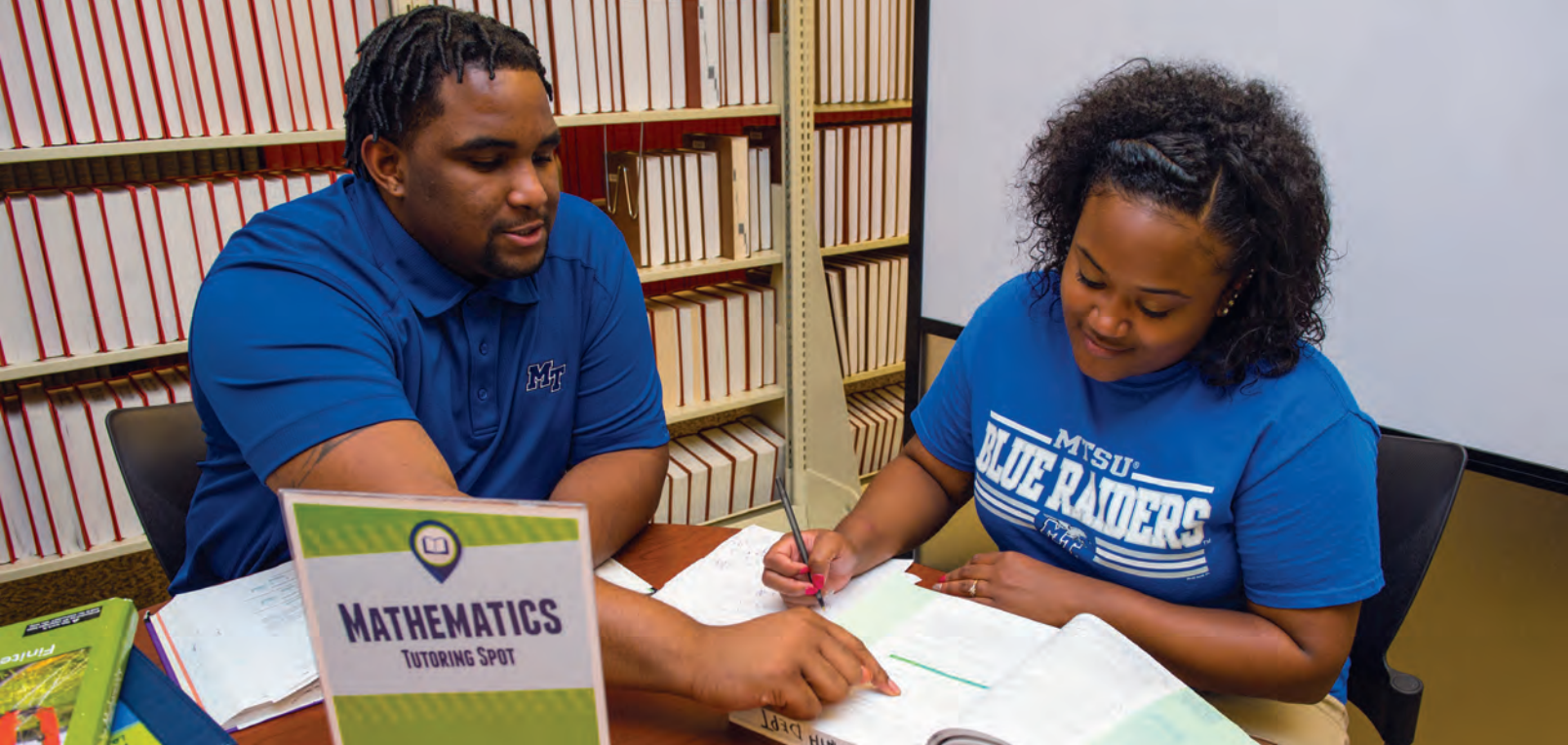
How can you keep your MTSU scholarship?

An important factor is **GPA**. Most scholarships require a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; some may require a higher GPA. Aim for a 3.5 to give yourself plenty of cushion! If you drop below the GPA requirement, you may be able to regain eligibility by bringing your GPA back up.

A second factor is **enrollment**. Most scholarships require full-time enrollment. If you will not enroll in at least 12 hours or if you must withdraw for a semester, discuss your situation with the department that offered the scholarship before making any changes to your enrollment.

A final factor is **time limit**. Most scholarships are limited to four or eight semesters. Review your scholarship award agreement on your PipelineMT account to determine how long you can receive the scholarship. When you approach that limit, be sure to look for other scholarships to replace the award.

You may be able to appeal if you lost your scholarship because you didn't meet continuing eligibility requirements. For scholarships awarded by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, visit mtsu.edu/financial-aid/appeals.php for information about appeal options. For scholarships awarded by other MTSU departments, contact the awarding department to ask whether an appeal process is offered.



ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MTSU's online scholarship application allows students to search and apply for Competitive and Foundation Scholarship opportunities. This does not contain all of the scholarships offered by MTSU. Please contact your academic department (based on your major) for scholarships that may be offered by your academic department. Visit the scholarship application at mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.

Search for MTSU Competitive and Foundation Scholarships

- Go to mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities.
- Click on Opportunities.
- You can view the scholarship opportunities listed (in alphabetical order), or you can search for scholarship opportunities by using a keyword (i.e. Business, Rutherford County).
- For more information on a scholarship opportunity, click on the scholarship opportunity's name. The scholarship opportunity's name will be in blue font and underlined.
- Each scholarship opportunity will include the criteria, award amount, and deadline for applying.



Apply for Scholarships

- To complete the scholarship application, log into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities using your PipelineMT username and password. You will need to be at least tentatively admitted in order to complete the scholarship application.
- You will then be directed to complete your **Profile Information**. Be sure to answer all of the required questions. This Profile Information is the scholarship application, which will help us identify scholarships that you may be eligible for.
- Click on **Finish and Submit** to submit your Profile Information.
- Need to take a break? Just click on **Save and Keep Editing** to save your work. Log out; then log back in when you are ready to continue. You will not be considered for scholarships if the Profile Information is not completed in its entirety.
- By completing the Profile Information section, you will automatically be matched to scholarships that you meet the basic criteria. This does not guarantee you will be awarded a scholarship. You will receive notification of any scholarship award(s) or no award(s) after the scholarship priority deadline.
- You can see what scholarship opportunities where you were auto-matched to based on your Profile Information by checking the **Applications** page, then looking under **Active Applications**.
- Make sure to check the **Opportunities** page for recommended scholarship opportunities that you may qualify for but we need additional information from you.
- At any time, you can log back into mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities and check the status of your application.
- **Complete your FAFSA** for the upcoming academic year. The majority of the scholarships contain criteria which are based on financial need determined by the FAFSA. You will not be considered for need-based scholarships if no FAFSA is on file for the upcoming academic year.



Online Scholarship Application Must be submitted by Feb. 15

MTSU's Online Scholarship Application is used to select recipients for most Competitive and Foundation Scholarships awarded through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. To submit an online scholarship application, follow the instructions in the Apply for Scholarships section listed on the site.

MTSU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

mtsu.edu/financial-aid

Fax: 615-494-7770

Mailing Address: SSAC 260

1301 E. Main Street

Murfreesboro, TN 37132

For assistance, contact MT One Stop in the Student Services and Admissions Center, Room 210.

615-898-2111

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University College

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MTSU offers the following undergraduate majors and/or concentrations.

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Advertising (and Public Relations)
- Aerospace
- Aerospace (Unmanned Aircraft Systems Op.)
- Africana Studies
- Agribusiness
- Animal Science
- Animation
- Anthropology
- Apparel Design
- Applied Leadership
- Art (Studio)
- Art Education
- Art History
- Art (Visual Art)
- Astronomy
- Athletic Training
- Audio Production
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Education
- Chemistry
- Child Development and Family Studies
- Commerce
- Community and Public Health
- (Computer) Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Concrete Industry Management
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Culture and Social Influence (Communication)
- Dance
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Elementary Education
- Engineering, Mechatronics
- Engineering Technology
- English
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Sustainability and Technology
- Exercise Science
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Fashion Merchandising
- Fermentation Science
- Finance
- Forensic Science
- French
- Geoscience
- German
- Global Studies
- Graphic Design (Art)
- Healthcare Administration
- History
- Horse Science
- Human Geography
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Information Systems
- Information Technology
- Integrated Studies
- Interactive Media
- Interdisciplinary Media
- Interdisciplinary Studies, 6–8
- Interior Design
- International Organizational Leadership
- International Relations
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Leisure, Sport, and Tourism Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Media Management
- Media Studies
- Music, Composition (Theory-Composition)
- Music, Instrumental Music Education
- Music, Instrumental Performance
- Music, Vocal/General Education
- Music, Voice Performance
- Music Industry
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Food Science
- Organizational Communication (Communication)
- Organizational Leadership
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Plant and Soil Science
- Political Science
- Pre-Chiropractic (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Cytotechnology (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Dental (Allied Health Science)
- (Pre) Diagnostic Med. Sonography (Allied Health Tech.)
- Pre-Engineering
- Pre-Health Info. Mgmt. (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medical (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Medical Tech. (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Nuclear Medicine Tech. (Allied Health Tech.)
- Pre-Occupational Therapy (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Pharmacy (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Physical Therapy (Allied Health Science)
- Pre-Radiation Therapy Tech. (Allied Health Tech.)
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Professional Selling
- Professional Studies
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Public Relations (and Advertising)
- Real Estate
- Recording Industry, Commercial Songwriting
- Recording Industry, Music Business
- Religious Studies
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Supply Chain Management
- Teacher Preparation (Elementary Education)
- Teacher Preparation (Interdisciplinary Studies)
- Theatre
- Video and Film Production
- Visual Communication