Graduates of Middle Tennessee State University and of other accredited institutions are eligible to apply for admission to the College of Graduate Studies.

All applicants for a degree program must complete an application, pay an application fee, provide official transcripts from each college or university attended (except MTSU), provide any required references, and meet entrance test requirements as set forth in the Graduate Catalog.

International students must submit a financial statement and a proof of English proficiency. Please see the Graduate Catalog for further information.

Admission to the College of Graduate Studies does not imply admission to a graduate program or candidacy for a degree.

Seniors at MTSU with 98 semester hours credit will be allowed to take graduate work for a total of no more than 12 semester hours upon approval of the undergraduate advisor, the graduate program advisor, and the graduate dean. An application form must be obtained from the Graduate Office. The Jennings A. Jones College of Business does not have such a program. Graduate work (5000-, 6000-, and 7000-level courses) may not be used toward an undergraduate degree. Not all graduate courses are offered to undergraduates. Permission is not guaranteed.

Graduate Programs

Graduate degrees offered are listed on page 18. Details of available graduate study, courses offered, and specific degree requirements may be found in the Graduate Catalog.

Master’s Degrees

Many departments at MTSU offer graduate programs leading to a master’s degree. A student’s program of study is directed by the major department, subject to the approval of the graduate dean. Fields in which the degrees may be earned are listed in the academic inventory beginning on page 18 and in the following list of graduate majors:

- Accounting/Information Systems
- Administration and Supervision
- Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning (RODP)
- Aerospace Education
- Aviation Administration
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Education
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Economics
- Engineering Technology
- English
- Exercise Science
- Foreign Languages
- Health, Physical Education, Recreation
- History
- Human Performance
- Human Sciences
- Mass Communication
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing (RODP)
- Professional Counseling
- Professional Science
- Professional Studies (RODP)
- Psychology
- Public History
- Reading
- Recording Arts and Technologies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Special Education

Graduate Certificate Programs

Certificates of completion of core curricula are available in Dyslexic Studies, Gerontology, and Health Care Management.

Specialist in Education Degree

The Specialist in Education degree (Ed.S.) is offered in Administration and Supervision and in Curriculum and Instruction.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree