

Application Procedures

All persons wishing to enroll at Lyon College must submit a completed application to and be accepted for admission by the enrollment services office.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. The final application deadline is normally two weeks (14 calendar days) prior to the first day of an academic term.

Students applying for admission must submit the following application materials.

I. First-year students

A. An application for admission.

B. Either an official high school transcript from each high school attended or a GED certificate (minimum score of 165). A minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4-point scale) in the core academic courses such as mathematics, English, history, and the sciences is expected.

- Students wishing to transfer Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit may do so in accordance with College guidelines, upon receipt by the registrar of an official transcript issued by the College Board (for AP credit) or International Baccalaureate.
- First-year students who have taken any college coursework must also submit an official academic transcript from those institutions for evaluation for transfer credit. First-year students wishing to transfer credit from another college should refer to the “Academic Rules and Regulations” section for the institutional policy on accepting transfer credits.

Applicants whose high school GPA is less than 3.0 will undergo a careful, holistic review by the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee to determine admission.

II. Transfer students

A. An application for admission.

B. Official college transcripts from each college attended. This must include evidence of good academic and social standing at the last institution attended. A minimum 2.5 GPA (on a 4-point scale) in core academic courses such as mathematics, English, history, and the sciences is expected. Refer to the “Academic Rules and Regulations” section for the institutional policy on accepting transfer credits.

C. Applicants with coursework earned at non-accredited institutions will be asked to verify transferable credits via placement tests. Students wishing to transfer Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) credit may do so in accordance with College guidelines, upon receipt by the registrar of a transcript issued by the College Board (for AP credit) or International Baccalaureate.

D. Official high school transcripts if the applicant graduated high school in the last three years or the applicant has attempted less than 12 hours of college credit.

III. International students

A. Lyon College application for admission.

B. One of the following test scores: Official ACT, SAT, TOEFL (minimum 79), iTEP (minimum 3.8), Duolingo (minimum 105), or IELTS (minimum 6.0).

C. Proof of graduation from secondary school, certified by an NACES agency (if applicable).

D. Official transcripts from any non-US college or universities attended, evaluated by an NACES agency.

E. Official transcripts from any US schools and/or universities attended.

IV. To be unconditionally admitted to the MAT program, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed graduate student application form.
2. Provide an official transcript demonstrating the completion of an undergraduate degree in an eligible discipline from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a four-point scale or a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of coursework. If applicable, candidates must also submit official transcripts for any graduate coursework completed.
3. Submit passing scores on the Praxis subject area exam for the desired teaching license.
4. Provide three references. Two references must be professional in nature.
5. Provide a professional goals statement and rationale for seeking admission to the program.
6. Sit for an interview (virtual or in-person) with the admissions committee

Candidates may be conditionally admitted under the following conditions:

- The cumulative undergraduate GPA is 2.5 or higher with a GPA of 3.0 or higher on at least 30 credit hours of coursework in the intended teaching discipline.
- Praxis subject area scores provided are near passing [within two Standard Errors of Measurement (SEM) of the state-required cut score]. Candidates must submit passing scores on all required testing prior to recommendation for licensure.

Prior to placement in an internship classroom, candidates must submit to a criminal history check (Arkansas State Police, FBI, and Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry).

V. Students seeking readmission

A. An application for readmission.

B. Official transcripts of any college work attempted in the period of absence.

C. Students seeking readmission are required to provide a statement outlining their reasons for withdrawing and for seeking to re-enroll and presenting a case that they can succeed at Lyon if readmitted. The enrollment services office may ask applicants to supply additional information or documentation in support of the statement.

VI. Non-degree seeking students

Students applying for admission as non-degree seeking students must submit a Non-Degree Seeking Student Application, obtained from the enrollment services office, and any supporting materials requested.