

# ADMISSIONS

## Admissions Procedures

Consistent with the university mission, Quinnipiac welcomes inquiries from serious students of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in professional preparation in fields related to business, communications, computing, engineering, education, health sciences, nursing, public service, and the theoretical and applied disciplines in arts and sciences. An education at Quinnipiac integrates technical, professional and liberal studies. The students who benefit most from Quinnipiac are those who are motivated for a life of professional service and prepared to undertake a program of studies that is broad in its cultural perspectives, while being focused in its technical and professional dimensions. Quinnipiac University seeks students who wish to pursue professional careers, including those who, as yet, are undecided on their fields.

Students interested in Quinnipiac University are urged to acquaint themselves thoroughly with Quinnipiac as early in their decision-making process as possible. A campus visit is strongly encouraged. If a campus visit is not possible, prospective students are advised to meet with one of Quinnipiac's representatives when they visit the student's school, or to make arrangements for a virtual meeting. The admissions office hosts on-campus interviews Monday through Friday and group information sessions weekdays and on select Saturday and Sunday mornings throughout the year. Fall and spring open houses, Admitted Student Days (in late March or early April) and online interactive sessions also provide opportunities to learn more about Quinnipiac. We welcome your interest. Please call our toll-free number, 800-462-1944, or 203-582-8600, email us at [admissions@qu.edu](mailto:admissions@qu.edu) or visit our Quinnipiac webpage (<http://www.qu.edu/visit/>).

## Admissions Process

Students may apply using the Common Application or the Quinnipiac University application. Visit our "Apply" page (<http://www.qu.edu/apply/>) for more information or to apply.

### First-Year Students

First-year applicants may select the application plan that best suits their interests (see plans and associated deadlines below).

Early Decision (binding) - November 1

Early Action\* - November 15

Regular Decision - February 1

*\*For full consideration for the entry-level master's physician assistant, physical therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, radiologic sciences and traditional nursing programs, we strongly encourage candidates to apply Early Action (November 15 application date).*

See the Quinnipiac application webpage (<http://www.qu.edu/apply/>) for details.

## Admissions Requirements for First-Year Applicants

Admission to Quinnipiac University is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college preparatory program in high school. All first-year applicants for admission are expected to present:

1. A high school diploma from an approved secondary school or its equivalent prior to enrolling.
2. A secondary school transcript showing as completed, or in progress, a college preparatory sequence including: English, four units; mathematics, three units (physical and occupational therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, radiologic sciences, nursing, physician assistant and computing and engineering applicants should have four years); science, three units (all health science, nursing and computing and engineering applicants are expected to have four years including biology and chemistry); social science, two units; academic (college preparatory) electives, four units. Total academic units expected: 16. First-quarter grades in the senior year should be sent as soon as they are available.
3. Test scores are OPTIONAL for most applicants. Students choosing to report scores should submit official score results for the Scholastic Reasoning Test (SAT I) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or of the American College Testing Program (ACT). The writing portion is not required. Quinnipiac uses the highest individual scores on the SAT in evidence-based reading and writing and math or the highest ACT composite score. Additional information regarding test requirements:

#### Test scores optional (all majors in the following schools/colleges):

- Arts & Sciences
- Business
- Communications
- Computing & Engineering
- Health Sciences (recommended for some programs)

#### Test scores recommended:

- Nursing
- Physical Therapy (3+3/4+3)
- Students interested in a 3+1 combined graduate program in biochemistry, biology, business, communications or education

#### Test scores required:

Official test scores are required, if available

- Physician Assistant
- Law dual-degree (3+3)
- International students
- Home-schooled students

## Transfer Students

Transfer students may apply for either fall or spring admission (with certain program-specific exceptions listed below). The admissions committee reviews transfer applications once they are complete. Completed applications for the spring term are reviewed starting in late October; applications for the fall term are reviewed beginning in February (after prior fall term grades are received). Students are advised to apply as early as possible to be considered for their program of choice.

The recommended application deadline for fall entry is April 1. The recommended application deadline for spring entry is November 15. Additional application deadline information:

- Accelerated BS in Nursing:

*March 1st for the Fall Cohort, September 1st for the January Cohort*

- BS in Nursing: March 1

*Transfers considered on a space-available, competitive basis for both fall and spring semesters*

## Admissions Requirements for Transfer Applicants

Transfer applicants must submit the documents listed above for first-year students with the following exceptions:

1. One to three letters of recommendation.
2. An official transcript from each post-high school institution attended, even if no courses were completed.
3. A high school transcript with proof of graduation, unless an associate degree has been earned or will be earned prior to matriculation.
4. Students seeking a second bachelor's degree need only submit the application form and official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended even if no courses were completed.
5. The application fee for transfer applicants is \$65.

Most programs look for a minimum grade point average of 2.50 (3.00 for health sciences) for consideration. Those interested in the PA program may only apply for entry to the program at the graduate level.

Quinnipiac works closely with the community and technical colleges in Connecticut and elsewhere, and recommends that students follow a transfer curriculum of study if their plan is to move to a four-year university. Students may wish to arrange an admissions appointment to discuss program requirements.

Quinnipiac is very credit friendly. Courses completed at a regionally accredited institution with a grade of C or better will transfer.

## Accelerated Nursing Program

Applicants who are interested in the Accelerated BS in Nursing program must already have a bachelor's degree. Learn more about the Accelerated BS in Nursing program (<https://www.qu.edu/schools/nursing/programs/bachelors-degree/accelerated-bsn/>) by visiting the website.

## International Student Admissions

Quinnipiac prides itself on offering a culturally diverse environment for its students. Our strong academic reputation attracts talented students from over 60 countries, so our students interact with people of many different faiths and cultural backgrounds.

Applicants from non-English speaking countries also must submit the following:

1. Certified translations of all prior secondary and collegiate academic records.
2. Personal statement of about 250 words describing your most recent academic work and future goals.
3. 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher or counselor letter of recommendation.
4. All international applicants must demonstrate adequate English proficiency to qualify for admission. English proficiency waivers are considered on a case-by-case basis after a student applies for admission. If no waiver is granted, students must submit one of the

following exams: TOEFL of 85+; IELTS of 6.5+; Duolingo English Test (DET) of 105+.

5. Official documentation of passport and financial support for undergraduate study and living expenses must be submitted to the admissions office before an I-20 can be issued to the student.

## Online Degree Completion Programs

Applications for Quinnipiac's online degree completion programs (<https://www.qu.edu/academics/about-our-programs/degree-completion-programs/>) are accepted on a rolling basis for the upcoming term. Programs typically have starts in January, May and August for the spring, summer and fall semesters respectively. Recommended application deadlines for each of the semesters may be found on the degree completion application ([https://graduate.quinnipiac.edu/portal/degree\\_completion\\_app/](https://graduate.quinnipiac.edu/portal/degree_completion_app/)).

Students interested in applying to our degree completion programs are encouraged to review the admissions requirements of the program that most interests them, as these differ slightly by program. A link to the requirements for each program is listed below.

- Online Bachelor of Business Administration (<https://www.qu.edu/schools/business/programs/online-bachelors-degree-completion/business-administration/admissions/>)
- Online Bachelor of Science in Health Science Studies (<https://www.qu.edu/schools/health-sciences/programs/online-bachelors-degree-completion/bs-in-health-science-studies/admissions/>)
- Online Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies (<https://www.qu.edu/schools/arts-and-sciences/programs/bachelors-degree-completion/ba-in-professional-studies/admissions/>)