

## Transcript Requirements

Ideas to reduce the transcript requirement for non-traditional applicants to reduce barriers to entry  
The Graduate school will make sure we are not violating any SACS or UNC-GA rules or campus safety requirement by not requiring all transcripts.

- We will not require transcripts that have only grades that are more than 10 years old. We can verify the age with the Clearinghouse report and transfer dates on other transcripts. We will require the transcript showing degree awarded regardless of age.
  - Instead of all applicants, could restrict the rule to apply only to Professional Track applicants (track is requested by the program & approved by me) and Military (active or past) applicants.
- For Military applicants, if Health/Exercise were transferred from military school or it is otherwise clear that those courses are based on military service, do not require DD-214 or other transcript. Do require documentation for any other transferred/credited courses.
- If there is Study Abroad credit, do not require transcript. Sometimes the credit shows as being awarded by the international institution, not home school. We will need to set clear guidelines to determine the credit was study abroad such as limit on credit earned at the other school. Past this limit, transcript is required, but no evaluation.
- If they completed their degree at a US school, but began at an international school, don't require official evaluation, just the transcript. This will cause the GPA calculations to be off for some applicants if the international transcript is difficult to decipher.
- If student provides official transcript of earned Master's or doctoral degree, do not require official evaluation of international bachelor's transcript. If the higher degree is from an international school, still require official evaluation of the higher degree. We may admit students who do not have a 4-year bachelor's equivalent under this policy.
- If a student has a Master's or doctoral degree from regionally accredited school, do not require regional accreditation for their bachelor's. Will we accept applicants with a Master's but not a bachelor's?
- Non-degree applicants – allow admission if they provide an official transcript showing any awarded degree - bachelor's or higher.

## Faculty Non-Degree Application

The Graduate School proposes the creation of a separate non-degree application for Faculty that would allow application past the deadlines. We would verify their status with HR for the application fee waiver and no transcripts would be required. Alternatively, we could require a copy of a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral transcript from their department.