

### **GRE Waiver Policy – CEHC 5/8/2019**

The College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity will consider GRE score waiver requests from master's program applicants who possess one (or more) of the following:

1. An undergraduate transcript with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, completed within the last 3 years;
2. Five, or more years of relevant, full-time professional work experience;

Applicants will be required to submit a waiver application and questionnaire in addition to their regular degree application materials. Meeting the conditions above is not a guarantee that a waiver will be granted.

Those who wish to be considered for an assistantship or scholarship must submit a GRE test score.

## Application/Questionnaire

The University at Albany generally requires MSIS applicants to submit recent test scores from the GRE, GMAT, or LSAT. The admissions committee will consider requests to waive these requirements for individuals with a minimum of five years of relevant full-time professional experience, or a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA. You cannot be considered for an assistantship or a scholarship if you do not submit test scores.

This form is designed to be submitted independently of other application materials. Even if you have already discussed this material in other MS IS application forms, that application may not yet have reached our committee. Please answer as though this form and the attached resume were all we could see; we invite you to copy and paste as relevant from your personal statement.

Please submit this form and your resume as soon as possible to [CEHC@albany.edu](mailto:CEHC@albany.edu). We prefer that you attach the waiver form as a Word document or a pdf. After reviewing your responses to the questions on page 2 of this form, the Manager of Graduate Studies and Research may ask to conduct an interview before making a final determination on the waiver request.

Note, however, that the standardized test score has information value to you as a candidate. Students with high test scores are more likely to succeed in our program than students with low test scores. If we admit you without test score information, there is a greater risk that you will do poorly in classes. Before enrolling, you should self-assess your verbal and quantitative skills. With regards to quantitative skills, you will not be successful if you are not able (after some review) to solve problems such as the following:

- a) Solve for X if  $(3X - 2X)^2 = 9$
- b) Solve simultaneously for values of P and Q such that
$$2P = 3Q - 7$$
$$4P + 8Q = 20$$
- c) Using a hand calculator, compute  $80/(1.05^4)$

The above questions should be considered a representative but not exhaustive list of the sorts of quantitative problems you can expect to face.

## **Request to Waive GRE Requirement for MSIS Admissions**

1. Name:
2. Preferred Contact Information:
3. Please briefly describe the professional or educational experience you are using as the basis for requesting a GRE waiver.
4. To what extent has this experience required quantitative skills, such as interpreting statistics or working with spreadsheets? To what extent have you studied mathematics or statistics?
5. To what extent has this experience required English-language writing and communications skills, such as giving presentations, writing memos, or preparing/editing reports?