

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Academic eligibility for admission into Pacific Adventist University undergraduate courses is gained upon meeting at least one of the following requirements:

- The successful completion of Year Twelve High School Certificate or its equivalent as prescribed later in this section.
- The successful completion of a diploma or degree from a recognised tertiary institution.

High School Certificate Requirements

HSC (Higher School Certificate) - Papua New Guinea

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English with a minimum of upper C level pass.
- A pass score 50% and/or above in the STAT-P test.

FSLC (Fiji School Leaving Certificate) - Fiji

- Matriculation: A pass in for subjects, including an upper C in English with an aggregate score of not less than 250 points.

PSSC (Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate) - Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English, with an aggregate score of not more than 13 points.
- A pass is defined as a rating of 4 or less on a scale of 1 (highest) to 9 (lowest), in a subject. English should be passed at 3 or better.

HSC (Higher School Certificate) - New South Wales, Australia

- Matriculation: A pass in 4 subjects, including English. 65 UAI.

SSC (Senior School Certificate) - Queensland, Australia

- Possession of a Senior Certificate which records the study of at least 4 Board subjects, including English for 4 consecutive semesters.
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which the applicants overall position (OP) in Board subjects is recorded 1-13.
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which is recorded field positions from 1-6 in English (Written Expression) and Mathematics.

NZ NCEA (New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 2) - New Zealand

- Matriculation: Passes in 4 subjects, including English, with an aggregate score of not more than 13 points.
- A pass is defined as a rating of 4 or higher, on a scale of 1 (highest) to 9 (lowest), in a subject
- A Tertiary Entrance Statement in which is recorded field positions from 1-6 in English (Written Expression) and Mathematics

NB: Cultural and vernacular subjects are not accepted in the calculation of the aggregate scores for determining entrance.

Special Admission Requirements

In addition to standard entry requirements, the following courses require additional prerequisites or have advanced standing arrangements as outlined below.

Bachelor of Arts

This program is offered to students who score a minimum B in all their Higher School Certificate subjects, as it involves a broad multi-disciplinary program, students can choose from a wide variety of course combinations. The GPA required for this course is 2.50 and above.

Bachelor of Business

A minimum of B pass in Mathematics at the Matriculation level is required. No prior work experience is required. Students need to achieve a GPA of 2.70 or better at their matriculation to be admitted in this programme.

Diploma of Business (Sonoma Adventist College) articulation to Bachelor of Business

Students who have successfully completed the requirements of Diploma of Business (Accounting and Entrepreneurship) or the Diploma of Business (Accounting and Management) from the Sonoma Adventist College (SAC) will be deemed to have met the requirements for the first two of either the Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Entrepreneurship) or the Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Management) programme on the basis of the direct transfer of their academic credit to the new award. Student must then complete four (4) further semesters (2 years) of study to meet the requirements of the degree.

Students who completed a Diploma in Business Studies from SAC with the old curriculum through affiliation agreement will need to have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.70 in the diploma studies and have relevant work experience in order to be considered for admission directly into the third year of the degree programme. Students in this category who have achieved a cumulative GPA between 2.20 and 2.70 may be considered for admission into the second year of the degree programme.

Students who graduated prior to the affiliation agreement with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.20 in the diploma programme may be considered for admission into the first year of the degree programme

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

A minimum B pass in Mathematics A for students taking Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics as content areas. A minimum upper C pass in subjects directly related to major and minor content area. However, exception is made for Religious Studies since this subject is not always studied at Higher School Certificate level.

Bachelor of Midwifery

Successful applicants must demonstrate:

- Current registration as a Registered Nurse with the Nursing Council of PNG or equivalent body in another country;
- Grade 12 completion;
- Diploma of Nursing (3 years) or Bachelor of Nursing (4 years);
- Minimum 2 years of clinical experience in nursing (while 6 months working in maternity care is preferred, it is not a requirement for acceptance;
- Evidence of ongoing professional development as demonstrated through inservice attendance, conferences, workshops or the like;
- Recommendation and approval of student from the current employer in the form of an endorsement letter;
- Evidence of interest and commitment to midwifery (demonstrated through the submission of a short essay with application form; and
- Good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the institution.

Bachelor of Nursing

A minimum of upper C pass in Mathematics A or a minimum B pass in Mathematics B; plus a minimum upper C pass in on science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics). NB with a GPA of 2.60 or better.

Bachelor of Science

A minimum B pass in Mathematics A or a minimum B pass in two science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

Diploma in Ministerial Students (SAC) articulation to Bachelor of Ministry & Theology

The full Bachelor of Ministry & Theology programme is not offered at the Sonoma Adventist College (SAC). Students who wish to apply for admission to the degree on the Koiari Park campus must have first successfully completed the requirements for the 360 semester credit point PAU Diploma in Ministerial Studies programme in SAC with a demonstrated ability to succeed in higher levels studies. Entry to the degree programme will require the attainment of a cumulative GPA of 2.70.

Postgraduate Admission Requirements

Academic eligibility for admission into Pacific Adventist University's postgraduate courses is gained upon meeting the specific requirements for the chosen programme of study as outlined below.

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Academic eligibility for admission for direct admission into the Bachelor of Science (Honours) is met if a prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree. Applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) must also have good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the University. Relevant work experience may be taken into account for research degree admission.

Master of Leadership and Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Leadership and Management is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70 or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70 or the equivalent at another institution.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management serves as an indirect entry point for those who do not initially meet the minimum GPA 2.70.

Academic eligibility for admission into the Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a PAU GPA of 2.20 or above, or the equivalent from another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree.

A student enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management will be eligible for an enrolment transfer into the Master of Leadership and Management, subject to successful completion of 2 subjects with a GPA of 2.70 or higher. Applicants for either the Master in Leadership and Management or Postgraduate Diploma in Leadership and Management must also:

- Have at least 2 years work experience or be currently employed in the development industry; and
- Be recommended by their employer or other relevant superior in their professional field; and
- Have a commitment to serving diverse peoples and communities; and
- Have a good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with aims and philosophy of the university.

Master of Philosophy

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Philosophy is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70 or the equivalent at another institution.

Applicants for the Master of Philosophy must show evidence of ability in research and writing and must also have good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the University. Relevant work experience may be taken into account for research degree admission.

Master of Theology

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Theology is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70, or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant baccalaureate degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum PAU GPA of 2.70 or the equivalent at another institution.

Where the proposed research is in the area of Biblical Studies, it will be expected that the student has already undertaken two Greek subjects and/or two Hebrew subjects at the undergraduate level.

Master of Education (Christian Educational Leadership) and Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Christian Educational Leadership)

Academic eligibility for direct admission into the Master of Education (Christian Education Leadership) is met if:

- A prospective student has achieved a minimum cumulative PAU GPA of 2.70 or the equivalent at another institution, in a relevant Bachelor's degree; OR
- A prospective student has successfully completed two postgraduate level subjects and for those subjects has achieved a minimum cumulative PAU GPA of 2.70, or the equivalent at another institution.

The following are also required to be considered for admission into the Master of Education (Christian Educational Leadership).

- A minimum of 2 years teaching/administrative experience in secondary schools or related roles in education.
- Eligible applicants may seek advanced standing by submitting documentary evidence of course completed at the time of initial enrolment. The Course Coordinator will then determine the number of units of credits.
- And subjects to be granted. Advanced standing for this course will be considered in accordance with the university policies on academic credit regulations
- A recommendation letter from the respective head teacher/school administrator.
- Applicants must also be able to meet the criteria of good moral character and a willingness to order their lives in harmony with the aims and philosophy of the institution.
- Applicants with equivalent or alternative qualifications will be considered on merit.
- Considerations may be also made for those working in other educational related organizations and are keen in pursuing leadership roles in the area of Christian Education.

Responses to Applications

Applicants will be advised by mail and/or email as soon as practicable that PAU has received their applications. Successful applicants will normally be officially advised of an offer of acceptance into PAU course in early December.

PAU may decline to admit any person in any year or course of study on the grounds of:

- Applicants not satisfying the University's academic requirements at this University or at other institutions
- Applications exceeding the quotas that have been set by the Academic Senate for a given course
- Applicant not satisfying the University's moral standards

The university reserves the right to decline admission of any person without necessarily specifying reason.

The Academic Registrar will notify all successful applicants via letter or email after the Academic Senate has formally approved the list of accepted applications. All students accepted for study at Pacific Adventist University must sign an agreement that while registered as students of the University, they will adhere to the high moral standards of the University and not consume alcohol, use tobacco, betelnut, and illicit drugs on and off campus or bring such substances on the campus.

Student Responses to Offers of Acceptance

Offers of place at Pacific Adventist University are open for a limited time only and successful applicant must advise the University in writing of the acceptance to the University's offer. Applicants who fail to advise the University within the given specified time may have their offers withdrawn and the University Admissions Office may reallocate them to other applicants.

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