

Admissions

Statement of Principle

The University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) invites applications for admission from academically qualified students of all ages and backgrounds. The academic credentials and life experience of each applicant are considered on an individual basis. The University prefers that all applicants have a college preparatory background and show other indications of ability to succeed in college.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Office strongly encourages applicants to visit the campus. During the visit the student will have an opportunity to speak with an admissions staff member, tour the campus, meet with currently enrolled students, talk with a faculty member and talk with a financial aid staff member. Visits can be arranged by calling the Admissions Office at 207.768-9532.

Application Procedures for all Students

✓ Each applicant for admission is required to submit a completed University of Maine System Application Form or the Common APP, accompanied by a \$40 non-refundable application fee (U.S. funds). Applicants should apply electronically on-line at www.umpi.edu and can pay by credit card online when applying. Each applicant must arrange for the forwarding of secondary school transcripts to the Admissions Office.

✓ Applicants with a record of attendance at a post-secondary institution must request the forwarding of their official transcripts from each institution attended for all work undertaken.

✓ Letters of recommendation and a brief essay are required from traditional age students just graduating from high school. Recommendations and an essay may be required from all other students.

Required Deposits

Upon acceptance, all students are required to pay a \$50 tuition deposit. Residence Hall students must submit a \$100 deposit with their signed room and board

contract. The tuition deposit is credited to the student's first semester bill. The \$100 deposit for room and board is held for lost keys and room damage. At the end of the academic year, the deposit less charges (damages and unreturned keys) will be refunded. A deposit equal to one month's rent will be required for family housing. This deposit will be due at the time housing is assigned.

Readmission

Degree students who have withdrawn from UMPI and who have not attended any post-secondary school since withdrawing may return to degree study by applying through the Admissions Office, using a special readmission application form. There is no application fee for readmission. Students seeking readmission to the University must be in good academic standing at the time of application.

Students who have taken a course or courses from another post-secondary school following withdrawal must apply for regular admission through the Admissions Office.

Application of Credits from Prior Enrollment

Upon re-admittance, courses that are more than seven years old will not automatically be applied to the major. A course-by-course analysis will be made by the appropriate department to determine whether the course content is still appropriate and meets program requirements.

The Admission Decision

✓ Applicants are evaluated for admission on the following criteria: (a) strength of high school academic curriculum and grades achieved; (b) rank in class; and (c) academic and personal recommendations.

✓ UMPI operates on a rolling admission policy. Applicants are notified of the admission decision a short time after it has been made.

✓ Admission to the University is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of all secondary school and post-secondary school courses in progress when the acceptance is given.

✓ The University reserves the right to rescind the acceptance of any applicant.

✓ Freshmen, transfer and readmitted students are accepted by the University for either the fall or spring semester.

✓ Students transferring into the PTA program may be accepted into the summer semester.

Regular Admission Standards for Two-Year and Four-Year Programs

Candidates must be graduates of approved secondary schools or hold a High School Equivalency Diploma.

The following program at the secondary school level is recommended for regular admission:

High School Preparation (college track)

	<u>Units</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science with lab	2
Social Studies	3
Electives	2
Foreign Language	2
TOTAL	16

Interviews

Students whose previous work does not qualify them for regular admission may be asked to come to campus for an interview. This interview consists of meeting with a representative from the Admissions Office, Student Support Services, and a faculty member in the student's area of interest. The interview will give the student an opportunity to discuss his or her overall academic record and why he or she is ready for the college experience. The faculty and staff members involved in the interview will ask questions pertaining to the student's record for the purpose of making a decision on admissibility. If admitted, certain requirements may be added to the student's program or certain restrictions placed upon it.

Transfer Policy

From within the University of Maine System

An internal transfer student is defined as a transfer student whose most recent collegiate work has been within the University of Maine System.

Prospective internal transfer students must submit an application, \$40 application fee, and official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities, including those within the University of Maine System. A high school transcript or its equivalent is also required.

Internal transfer students who are in good standing at another school within the University of Maine System will be accepted at UMPI.

In general, the following guidelines are used. Students whose transcripts indicate they are not in good standing (i.e., on probation, suspension, or dismissal) will not be admitted to a degree program at UMPI, but may attend as a non-degree student. Non-degree students may be accepted for admission after taking nine credits at UMPI and achieving a 2.00 grade point average.

From outside the University of Maine System

UMPI encourages the admission of qualified transfer students from regionally accredited two-year and four-year colleges. Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.00 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale). Transfer credit is generally awarded for courses in which a grade of C- or above has been earned.

Transfer applicants must submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, along with an official transcript from the high school from which they graduated. An official evaluation of transfer credits will be given to students after they have been accepted.

Applicants will not be considered for admission to UMPI for the semester immediately following their dismissal from another institution. Such students can, however, enroll as non-degree students for one semester.

Evaluation of Transfer Credit

Transfer students receive an official transcript analysis from the Registrar after the receipt of final official transcripts. Students will receive information so that arrangements can be made for the review and planning of their programs with their academic advisor.

Admission Standards for Selected Programs

The Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Social Work, and Athletic Training Programs are governed by enrollment limitations and not all applicants can be accepted. Applicants are selected on an individual basis, and specific requirements must be met to be considered for admission.

A high school diploma or its equivalent is required of all applicants.

Students should be in the upper third of their high school class. The following college preparatory curriculum is the minimum requirement:

<i>High School Preparation</i>	<u>Units</u>
English	4
Biology includes lab component . . .	1
Chemistry and Lab	1
Mathematics <i>college prep</i>	2
Social Studies <i>minimum</i>	1
Electives	6
TOTAL	15

Persons interested in applying for these programs who do not meet the above listed entrance requirements are invited to contact the Admissions Office. Assistance will be provided in identifying methods to obtain the necessary courses required for application.

International Students

Students who are citizens of other countries are welcomed at UMPI and are encouraged to apply for admission. In order to comply with University admission policies and regulations of the Immigration & Naturalization Service of the United States, students from other countries need to fulfill the following requirements:

- 1) Completed Application for Admission;
- 2) Official high school transcripts (Transcripts need to be translated into English equivalency if not in English);
- 3) Official college transcripts, if applicable. Non-United States transcripts should be evaluated and translated into English equivalency at one of the following agencies: a.) Center for Educational Documentation, PO Box 199, Boston, MA

02117, (617) 338-7171; b.) World Education Services, Inc., PO Box 5087, New York, NY 10113-0745, (212) 966-6311;

4) Take TOEFL exam in home country. A minimum score of 197 computer-based/530 paper-based, and 71 internet-based is required in order to be considered for admission. Students may be admitted with a TOEFL lower than 530 if acceptable proficiency in English can be demonstrated. UMPI also accepts IELTS with a score of 6.0. Students who come from English-speaking countries can have this requirement waived.

Articulation Agreements with Canadian Universities

UMPI has articulation agreements with three Canadian universities whereby their student may earn a degree at UMPI to qualify for Teacher Certification in Maine, Nova Scotia, and/or New Brunswick. Students enrolled at St. Mary's University, Mt. Allison University, or Kingswood University are eligible to participate and benefits include: international experience; opportunity to be certified as a teacher in both Maine and Nova Scotia/New Brunswick; conditional early admission for all qualified applicants; waiver of application fees at UMPI; and completion of student teaching in many locations, including Asia, South America, Europe, and China.

Students must complete an undergraduate degree at one of these sending universities, but may apply to enter the Bachelor of Science program at UMPI at any time after the completion of their third semester at the sending institution.

At UMPI, students will complete two semesters of Education courses (a summer session and online courses are available for students wanting to earn additional credits in Education). Students then complete one semester of student teaching, which may be done in Maine, the Canadian provinces, or other international locations.

For more information about these agreements, contact the Chair, College of Education, 207.768.9415.

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New England Regional Student Program

UMPI participates in a regional cooperative program administered by the New England Board of Higher Education. This program, known as the New England Regional Student Program, enables qualified residents of the New England States to study at the University of Maine at Presque Isle at reduced tuition for certain degree programs that are not available within their own state's institutions.

Information about this program can be obtained through the UMPI's Admissions Office, the high school guidance counselor, or the New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston MA 02111, 617.357.9620.

Early Admission Program

The intent of this program is primarily to provide an acceptable early route within the University structure for juniors who have exhibited superior achievement in high school and who desire to begin the first year of college instead of returning to the secondary school for their senior year. Recommendations from the superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, and parent or guardian are required to attest to the student's readiness for college. Assurance is also required that a high school diploma will be awarded at the successful completion of the freshman year (or a similar arrangement decided on prior to admittance to college).

Pre-College Experience Program

High school juniors and seniors with written recommendations from their guidance counselor, principal, and parent or guardian, may enroll for a maximum of six credit hours per semester on a "space available" basis. The courses should be applicable for high school credit. All applicants for the Pre-College Experience program must have the written approval of the Director of Admissions prior to enrolling in the courses. The program does not apply to non-credit courses or Continuing Education Unit (CEU) courses.

Non-Degree Admission

UMPI is committed also to serving the educational interests and aspirations of academically qualified individuals interested in taking courses for personal enrichment, job advancement, and expanded awareness.

Non-matriculated study is arranged through the Registrar's Office in Preble Hall.

Enrollment in credit-bearing courses requires a high school diploma or its equivalent, and evidence of such may be required. The University may require additional evidence that the non-matriculated student is qualified to study at the 200 level and above. Permission to study full-time (12 or more hours in a semester) in a non-matriculated status may be granted in exceptional cases.

Testing

All students admitted or re-admitted to UMPI with no prior course work from a regionally accredited institution or no transferable college level credits in reading, writing and/or mathematics will be coded for a placement test in any or all of those subject areas. The placement tests are optional. Students may choose to be placed into the courses, which align with their test code, some of which may be developmental in nature. If appropriate, student may choose to test to determine if they can be placed into a full array of college-level courses. Tests can be waived by SAT/ACT scores; cumulative high school grade point average, individual high school grades; or developmental or foundational level course work with grades of C- or higher. For a complete guide to placement testing, please see page 29. Students may retest once in any or all subject areas. Students receiving a grade in any developmental and/or foundational course, including a grade of W, will not be allowed to re-test in that subject. Re-tests are free of charge and study materials are available upon request.

Advanced Placement Exam

It is the policy of UMPI to grant credit for the introductory course in a subject field to an enrolled student who scores three (qualified), four (well qualified), or five (extremely well qualified) on the Advanced Placement Exam of the CEEB.

Information related to Advanced Placement can be found at: www.umpi.edu/offices-services/student-records/advanced-placement.

College Level Exam Program (CLEP)

UMPI accepts certain general and subject area CLEP tests and is also an approved test center for the CLEP examinations.

Information on the administration of CLEP and on UM-Presque Isle policies for the CLEP examinations can be found at: <http://www.umpi.edu/offices-services/testing-services/clep>

International Baccalaureate

UMPI recognizes IB and is committed to supporting students who have achieved a 5 or better on the highest level of the IB exam.

Information related to the International Baccalaureate can be found at: www.umpi.edu/offices-services/student-records/intl-bacc.

Veterans Information

UMPI welcomes the applications of veterans of the armed forces. In considering applicants, it is the policy of the University to recognize the advantages of the training and maturing aspects of the military. UMPI is an authorized institution for use of the Veterans Educational Assistance Program benefits.

For more information contact the Veteran's Certifying Officer located in the Registrar's Office, Preble Hall, 207.768.9540. ★