

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The mission of The Graduate School at WCU is to provide leadership to facilitate high quality graduate education that accommodates the needs of a diverse community of learners seeking academic advancement, career expansion and change, community engagement, and research expertise while also balancing the demands of everyday life. The Graduate School at WCU provides personalized support for the graduate student experience from admission to graduation that is flexible and responsive to our students and to the needs of the larger community. The goals of graduate study at this University are as follows:

1. To foster an attitude of intellectual and creative inquiry and to develop research and analytical skills that are applicable to professional settings.
2. To increase the professional skills and academic competence of students to enable them to make important contributions to their professions.
3. To prepare students for further graduate study.
4. To meet the needs of college graduates who are preparing for changing career roles in the future.

Graduate education at West Chester has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1959. Approximately 3,000 students now attend during the fall and spring semesters; some 1,900 enroll for summer sessions. West Chester University's graduate program is the largest within the 14 Commonwealth-owned institutions of higher learning.

The University began as the West Chester Academy in 1812 and functioned as a normal school from 1871-1927. Since it became a four-year college in 1927, West Chester has grown steadily and is now one of the major comprehensive institutions of higher learning in the Philadelphia area.

West Chester University offers graduate programs on main campus; at the Graduate Center; in Center City, Philadelphia; and online. Each of our convenient locations contains well appointed classrooms and meeting spaces, parking, lounges and faculty offices. Our main campus is located at 700 South High Street in the borough of West Chester, just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Delaware. The Graduate Center is located in the Greenhill Corporate Park on McDermott Drive (just off the Boot Road exit of Rt. 202), about five miles from the main campus. The Philadelphia campus is located in the heart of Center City at Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia.

The University offers a diverse range of graduate programs, including doctoral degrees, masters degrees, post baccalaureate certifications and graduate certificates. There are over 80 areas of study offered.

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