

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Graduate Program in Forensic Sciences: MFSA and MS Admissions

REQUIREMENTS REVISED 5/28/03 WITH NEW DEADLINES FOR 2004-2005 APPLICATIONS

- ?? Graduate College Admission requires a bachelor's degree and 3.0 (or better) grade point average
- ?? Background
- O For the MFSA—at least one year of academic or professional experience in the forensic sciences or in related fields
 - O For the MS program—an undergraduate degree in the behavioral, biological, medical, or physical sciences or in a forensics-related discipline
 - O Satisfactory completion of college chemistry and biology (prerequisites for several courses)
 - O **Participation in online courses**—requiring computer proficiency for using Windows, Internet, e-mail and basic office applications AND a multimedia computer with a modem and Internet access. All MFSA courses are Web-based, and 15-18 hours of MS core courses are online. (NOTE: MS students may delay relocation to campus area as a result.)
- ?? Admissions Tests
- O For the MS—a combined GRE score of at least 1000 for the verbal and quantitative sections, with the score on the analytical writing section also to be considered as a factor for admission. For GREs taken before October 1, 2002, a combined score of at least 1500 (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) on the GRE.
 - O For the MFSA—above the 50th percentile on the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) or GREs as above. With permission from the Director of Forensic Sciences, the following scores may be substituted: Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), Dental College Admissions Test (DAT); passing scores on the national board examination in dentistry, nursing, medicine, psychology, or accounting or on the state bar exam.
 - O International students must also score a minimum of 600 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language—TOEFL (or 250 on the computerized version) and must have a minimum score of five (5) on the Test of Written English--TWE.
- ?? **Use school and department code or proper address to ensure delivery of test scores.** Failure to follow these directions may result in missed deadlines for test results.
- O For the paper version of the GRE or TOEFL/TWE, enter **6546** for the Institutional Code and **0612** as the Departmental Code.
 - O **Computer-based versions** of the GRE and TOEFL/TWE may list school and program options rather than offer designated codes. If Forensic Sciences is NOT an option under OSU, proceed as though you have NO option available. After the test, ask for the paper form for all other programs/schools. Have scores sent directly to the program at the address below.
 - O For the MAT, use **2183** as the Recipient Code.
 - O If you require any special accommodations, make arrangements in advance directly with GRE OR for the MAT contact the testing center.

ADMISSIONS

Required information should be submitted to the Graduate Program in Forensic Sciences, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107-1898.

DUE BY MARCH 31 (properly submitted and received or postmarked by this date):

1. **Formal Letter of Application** (See directions under **Additional Instructions** on Page 2)
2. **Application for Graduate Admission** (use only form provided by OSU-CHS)
3. **Application fee of \$25.00** (check or money order payable to OSU)
4. **Two official transcripts sent by all post-high school institutions attended**

DUE BY MARCH 31 (submitted directly by sending party and postmarked by this date):

5. **Report of admissions test results**
6. **Three letters of recommendation** (Request forms provided; fill in addressee.)
7. **For MFSA applicants—Verification of Forensics-Related Work Experience** (Request letter and forms provided; fill in addressee and applicant information)

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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

LETTER OF APPLICATION - REQUIRED

The applicant must send a letter with the Application for Graduate Admission that includes:

1. **Personal career goals** and/or reasons for choosing the program.
2. **Area of Specialization** - MS applicants must identify in the letter and on the application the discipline of interest for advanced studies and research. **This must correspond to one of five areas** for which the program currently provides faculty and research facilities: identification through **DNA** analysis, **forensic psychology**, **forensic toxicology**, **forensic pathology** (but not training to become a forensic pathologist), and **forensic dentistry** (but not training to become a forensic dentist).
3. **A brief description of experience or qualifications** to be verified with supporting information (recommendations, transcripts, or employment verification).
4. **Any other important or relevant information** that the applicant would like the Graduate Faculty Committee to consider in reviewing the application.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS
























The Graduate Faculty Committee meets to review complete applications in April. Complete application is defined as the filled-in application form with all required supporting information, submitted by specified deadlines. Applicants are considered on the basis of:

- ?? Academic background, including major area of study, grade point average, and degree(s) attained
- ?? Scores on required qualifying examination
- ?? Letters of recommendation
- ?? Other pertinent information from the applicant's letter or employment history
- ?? The ability of the Graduate Program to support the applicant's career goals.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants receive notification of status by April 30. Any offer of admission requires signed acceptance with a \$100 deposit within 10 days of receipt to secure a place in the program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

 	MARK EACH ITEM/ACTION COMPLETED	DUE DATE
 	Forensic Science Interest Form – <i>return to OSU-CHS</i>	
	GPFS Application Packet – <i>sent after Interest Form received</i>	
	Admissions Test Deadline – <i>results expected within 6 weeks</i>	February 15
	Applicant submissions – <i>send to OSU-CHS Graduate Office</i>   Letter of Application – <i>directions below</i>   Application for Graduate Admission – <i>use OSU-CHS form</i>   \$25 Application fee	March 31
	Official transcripts - <i>sent directly from institution(s) attended</i>	March 31*
	Secure 3 Letters of Recommendations - <i>use request letter</i>	March 31
	Arrange for Verification of Employment -- <i>MFSA only</i>	March 31
	Follow up on any information not received by OSU-CHS   Admissions test results   Three letters of recommendation   Employment verification – <i>MFSA applicants</i>	March 31*

*Applicants are notified of third-party materials that do not arrive by the stated deadline.