

Mature Applicants

ADMISSION REGULATIONS - MATURE APPLICANTS

Admission into first-year programs at Western is limited and is competitive. Applicants who do not meet the minimum academic requirements for admission to the University may be eligible for consideration as mature students when they:

1. are Canadian citizens or permanent residents at the time of application,
2. will be at least 21 years of age in the calendar year in which admission is sought,
3. do not have an academic basis of admission (applicants having previously attended a university will be reviewed under University Transfer Regulations),
4. have not normally been in full-time attendance at an educational institution within the previous four years,
5. have achieved at least a "C" (60%) standing in any academic work attempted within the previous four years.

Mature applicants are normally considered for Part-Time admission (maximum of three full courses between September and April). Full-time enrolment may be necessary when preparing for admission consideration to some professional programs such as Dentistry and Medicine.

Applicants for full-time admission must submit a letter indicating why they feel they may be successful in university studies and what they wish to gain from the experience and why full-time admission is necessary. Letters should include information relevant to candidates' academic goals, career ambitions or plans, and past work experience. Part-Time applicants may also be required to submit similar documentation in support of their applications.

Notes

- a) Notwithstanding the above requirements, any applicant who believes that he or she has a strong case for admission to a first-year program at Western is encouraged to submit an application for admission together with supporting documentation and letters of reference.
- b) Applicants who are admitted as Mature Students must obtain academic counselling from the academic counsellor of their faculty, program or the Mature Student Advisor prior to their initial registration.
- c) If the application for admission and the supporting documentation provided by the applicant do not appear to suggest a reasonable probability for success in university studies, the applicant will be denied admission. Further consideration will be through the Office of the Registrar in consultation with the Dean of the applicant's faculty whose decision will be final.
- d) All mature students continue to have mandatory academic counselling by their Faculty, Program or the Mature Student Advisor (in consultation with the Faculty).
- e) Counselling by the Student Development Centre in areas such as learning skills and effective writing is strongly recommended.

Related Policies and Notes:

See also the Policy on Senior Citizen Applicants:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/seniors.pdf