

GRE Waiver Requests

UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work Policy on GRE Wavier Requests for Applicants to the Master's of Social Work Program

All Applicants

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test scores are required for applications to the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. Official GRE scores must be reported directly to the **UNC-CH Graduate School** (institution #5816) by the Educational Testing Service. GRE scores must be current and no more than 5 years old. For more information on the UNC-CH Graduate School policy on GRE requirements, see <http://gradschool.unc.edu/admissions/instructions.html#tests>

Applicants Holding a PhD

Applicants who already hold a PhD in a field related to social work (e.g., public health, psychology) from an accredited U.S. institution and who have completed graduate-level research and statistical courses may request an exemption from the GRE requirement. If the PhD was conferred by a university outside of the United States, then the assessment of the foreign degree—including those conferred from institutions participating in the Bologna Accord—is based on four criteria:(1) the characteristics of a national system of education, (2) the type of institution the applicant attended, (3) the institution's accreditation, and (4) the level of studies the applicant completed. For more information, visit <http://gradschool.unc.edu/admissions/instructions.html#transcript>

Other Admission Indicators

The GRE is only one of many indicators the School uses in determining a student's potential for success as a graduate student in the MSW program. Our program seeks applicants who will contribute to fulfilling the School's mission of developing social work leaders with the skills and knowledge to address social and economic injustice and the needs of disadvantaged, marginalized, and oppressed populations. Whether applicants are focusing on research or practice, we expect all applicants to have a strong commitment to empowering individuals, families, communities, and organizations to achieve their full potential. Examples of indicators of these qualities include, but are not limited to, paid or volunteer experience in human services, a strong academic record, letters of recommendation that speak to applicants' academic and/or professional achievements, letters of recommendation that speak to applicants' potential in the field of social work, and an applicant's demonstration of readiness for the demands of graduate study.

Requesting a GRE Waiver

To request a waiver of the GRE requirement, applicants must submit a written request that provides a detailed accounting of their (a) educational experiences, (b) professional and work experiences, and (c) involvement in research and/or relevant professional activities over the past 5 years. In addition, applicants must submit their current CV or resume and academic transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable); please attach these documents to the waiver request.

Waiver requests must be submitted by **December 1st** to:

Sharon Thomas, MSW, Assistant Dean, Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid
UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work
325 Pittsboro St., CB #3550
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Requests for GRE waivers submitted after Dec. 1st will not be considered.