



Graduate Certificate in Applied Analytics: Application Checklist (International Student)

- Admission criteria and eligibility information:**
 - Students are eligible for this certificate regardless of their undergraduate major. Programming knowledge/experience is not required, but familiarity with statistics is beneficial. It's a myth that you need to be an expert in math or programming in order to effectively analyze data. Programming is useful for doing data analysis, but not necessary. Nor is it sufficient. Using data to improve decision-making requires actionable insight. This means understanding where analytics can improve decisions, obtaining the appropriate data, understanding what it does/does not measure, shaping it into an appropriate form, building useful predictive or explanatory models, and communicating the insight to multiple audiences: customers, employees, owners, communities, and beyond. Actionable insight also requires using your existing knowledge to ask the tough questions needed to move your organization or business forward. The Certificate is designed to provide and sharpen this skill-set for working professionals.
- Graduate Program application:**
 - Please create an account and apply online at: www.loras.edu/apply. There is no application fee.
 - In the Student Profile section within the application itself, select "Graduate: professional education program" as the *Student Type*, then select "Graduate Certificate in Applied Analytics" as the *Academic Program*.
- Current resume:**
 - Please upload your resume to the "Materials" section of your online application.
- Unofficial transcript from each college/university you have attended, including undergraduate and graduate:**
 - Please upload unofficial transcripts to the "Materials" section of your online application. You do NOT need to send us copies of your official transcripts.
- Copy of your passport photo:**
 - Please upload to the "Materials" section of your online application.
- Official foreign credential evaluation report:**
 - The report must show the United States equivalency for academic credentials earned in other countries. Loras College accepts evaluations directly from either Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (<https://www.ece.org/ECE>) or Foreign Credits, Inc. (<https://www.foreigncredits.com/>). You should contact Graduate Admissions if you have already received a foreign credential evaluation report from an organization other than ECE or Foreign Credits.
 - Official foreign credential evaluation report can be mailed to:
Loras College Graduate Admission
Attn: Megan Henderson
1450 Alta Vista Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
- Proof of English language proficiency:**
 - Applicants must submit one of the official test scores below (unless you have received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in Australia, Barbados, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, United Kingdom, or the United States). Proficiency scores must be sent directly to Loras College from the testing center and must not be more than 2 years old.
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - Internet-based test – score of 80 or higher
 - Paper-based test – score of 550 or higher
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
 - 6.5 or higher
 - ACT
 - 21 or higher on both English and Reading sections
 - SAT
 - 500 or higher on evidence-based Reading and Writing sections
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Please note that you will be required to upload your resume, unofficial transcripts, and copy of your passport photo before you can submit your online application. However, you may start the application and return to it at a later time to upload those documents. It does not all have to be completed at once.

Application deadlines:

Fall enrollment – all materials due by August 1.

Spring enrollment – all materials due by January 1.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on an individual basis.

Admission decision:

Immediately following receipt of all application materials, your file will be reviewed by the Program Director. You will then be notified of an admission decision in your online Applicant Status Portal within one week. At that time, you will be sent a Certification of Finances form to complete and send back to us so that we can start the I-20 process.