



Specialized Admissions Overview

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Universities may require additional criteria for admissions to certain programs & must be approved by the Board of Governors

Limited Resources

Programs where space, equipment, or placements limit enrollment

- Clinical placements
- Studio or lab space limitations

Minimal Skills

Programs requiring demonstrated ability before admission

- Auditions
- Portfolio submissions

Ensures programs with unique capacity or skill requirements maintain academic quality & promote student success

Specialized Admissions Overview

Regulation 8.013



- Defines eligibility criteria & approval timelines for specialized admissions programs
- Requires Board approval & reaffirmation upon expiration of specialized admissions status

Qualifying Criteria

Reaffirmation Required

Limited Resources

Every 4 years

Minimal Skills Required

Every 5 years

Accrediting Agency Requirements

Every 4-5 years

Programs Meeting Limited Resources Criteria



Program Examples

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Programs eligible for
specialized
admissions
reaffirmation for
limited resources

- Architecture
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Clinical Nutritionist/Dietetics
- Nursing
- Speech Pathology & Audiology

Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation Timeline

Programs with Limited Resources



February 2026

- Board staff initiated first round of reviews
- List of programs & guidance sent to institutions

Spring 2026

- Institutions review approved programs
- Indicate intent to reaffirm or remove status

July 2026

- Institutions submit applications for reaffirmation status

November 2026

- Board considers approval of continued specialized admissions status



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