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## STUDENT AND ENROLMENT SERVICES

### Recruitment and Admissions Office

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### Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy

At the University of Calgary, we seek first and foremost to attract excellent academic students. However, we also recognize that those who have achieved excellence outside academics or who have overcome significant hardships can make positive contributions to the University community, and that achieving this excellence or overcoming hardships requires discipline, desire, dedication and determination and may mean some sacrifice of academic achievement. Recognizing that excellence means more than academic excellence, the University of Calgary may admit up to 1% of its undergraduate students annually under this category.

**Please refer to the [Recruitment and Admissions Office website for criteria for application and eligibility](#).** Admission under this policy is not available for all programs.

To apply for consideration under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy, you must complete the following checklist by the appropriate deadline date:

Application for Admission to Degree Programs Deadline: April 1, 2012 for applicants to Arts (Dance), Education, Engineering, and Nursing. May 1, 2012 for all other programs offering admission under the policy.

Supporting Document Deadline (personal profile, letters of reference, and checklist with signature): April 30.

Transcript Deadline in support of request for Diverse Qualifications Admission:

High School Applicants: April 30.

Transfer Applicants: June 30 (May 15 for applicants to the BEd degree)

If admitted under the Diverse Qualifications Policy, you must still provide official, complete transcripts by the **[appropriate deadline](#)**.

- 1. Apply for admission using the online application. Indicate on your application that you are applying under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy: ([www.ucalgary.ca/admissions](http://www.ucalgary.ca/admissions)).
- 2. Provide a personal profile. Your personal profile should include the following:
  - a. A description of your special circumstances, or hardships, or most significant accomplishments that you feel should be considered. Be as detailed and specific as possible within a 500 word limit.
  - b. A description of your educational goals and a timeframe for accomplishing them.
  - c. A list of the two most significant honours, awards, or distinctions you have received or personal goals as they pertain to your situation, area of special achievement or ability to meet your academic goals.
  - d. The names and addresses of the persons you have asked to provide letters of support. Please indicate the relationship this person has to you (ie: teacher, guidance counselor, coach).

- 3. Arrange for two letters of reference from respected members of the community who are familiar with your situation and can support the information you include in your profile. Teachers, coaches, physicians, counselors, religious leaders, or representatives of a community or organization are appropriate choices; friends and family are not.
- 4. Arrange for your academic records to be sent.

**Transfer students must provide all transcripts by June 30th (April 15th for applicants to the Bachelor of Education Program).**

**High school students taking courses until June 2012 must arrange for grades and mid-term grades to be verified by the school; these must be received by April 30th. Official transcripts will still be required the August 1st deadline, showing all final results.**

Note: Students currently attending a degree program at the University of Calgary are not required to submit their transcripts.

- The information you provide is being collected in support of your request for consideration under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy. It will be used by the Faculty to determine if they may offer you admission under this policy.

We therefore require a copy of the following statement, signed and dated:

**I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete and prepared by me. I further certify that I understand that this information will be shared with the Faculty to which I am applying. I understand that this information is being supplied for the purpose of evaluation for admission under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy, and that this information may be shared with my referees to verify its accuracy.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print your name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(student ID number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Please submit your personal profile and signed statement, as well as your transcripts, to the Recruitment and Admissions Office. Letters of reference must be sent directly to the Recruitment and Admissions Office by your referees.

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#### **What Happens Next:**

Once all required documentation has been received, members of the Faculty to which you have applied will evaluate your completed application. Most decisions will be made by mid-June. If you are granted admission under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy, you are still responsible for ensuring that official, complete transcripts are received by the Recruitment and Admissions Office by the **appropriate deadline**.

You should note that submission of the required information does not guarantee admission, and that admission decisions under this policy are final and **cannot** be appealed.

If you are not granted admission under the Diverse Qualifications Admission Policy, you can still be considered for admission to your requested first and second choice of program. Transcripts still need to be received by the Recruitment and Admissions Office by the appropriate deadline date. Once all required transcripts and documentation have been received, you will be considered for admission under regular competitive admission standards.