

Union University provides non-traditional programs and services aimed toward the adult student. Each program office provides central service for admissions, registration, academic counseling and a variety of other services.

The School of Nursing offers a program for Registered Nurses to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The School of Nursing also offers an accelerated initial licensure program as a second bachelor's degree and degree completion programs for adults seeking the first bachelor's

The R.G. Lee Center for Christian Ministry offers the Associate of Christian Studies degree.

The School of Social Work offers a degree program for qualified adult students leading to the Bachelor of Social Work

Qualified adult students can also earn a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership degree through the Department of Continuing Studies, with concentrations in Organizational Management, Health Management, Church Leadership, Project Management, Criminal Justice Administration, and Information Technology.

The First Step Program is aimed at facilitating the degree progression of adult students who have little or no prior college credits. First Step allows adults new to higher education the opportunity to begin and finish their degree at Union, with an 18-month rotation of online and accelerated core classes created specifically for adult students. After completing the First Step Program, students are prepared to enroll in an Adult Studies baccalaureate program, where they can earn their bachelor's degree in as little as 18 months.

Admissions Policies

Adults who have already taken college courses will apply to Union as transfer students if they have completed more than 24 semester hours of transferable credit. See below for additional details. Otherwise, the applicant must meet freshman admission requirements as detailed in the Undergraduate Catalog, making application to the Office of Admissions or through specific program admission processes and unique requirements for entry within parent departments.

Transfer Students

The academic status of a transfer student will be based on his/her cumulative GPA of all accredited post-secondary work attempted. The admission file of a student having less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA will be presented to the Undergraduate Admissions/Readmissions Committee or through the parent department's Admissions/Readmissions Committee, if applicable. The student may be denied admission, admitted on probationary status (as stated in the Undergraduate Catalog), or admitted in good standing. The determination of the above decision shall be the full academic record, recommendations, and the explanation of any extenuating circumstances.

Before admission into Union University may be granted, an adult transfer student must file the following information with the appropriate program director/coordinator:

1. A completed admissions application.
2. Application fee (non-refundable), \$25.
3. A completed official transcript from all institutions of higher learning attended.

Before registration for courses, a student must be admitted to the University or be granted status as a "provisional student" (as stated below).

Provisional Students

Students may be admitted on a provisional basis to allow those with acceptable credentials, but without immediate access to official documents to register for classes. A student may be admitted to any course(s) for which he/she is qualified to enter, but not admitted to a formal degree program and not eligible to graduate in this status. Any credit taken while in this status will not be transferred as regular matriculated credit until the status has officially been changed; credit will be marked "non-matriculated, non-transferable."

The provisionally admitted student will be bound by all academic requirements imposed upon those fully matriculated as far as prerequisites, quantity and quality of work. All work attempted will be fully documented in the academic record.

For admission the student will sign a contract and a waiver allowing Union University to request those documents needed to complete the admission file. By federal guidelines, the University is not allowed to file financial aid and veterans benefits enrollment forms on provisionally admitted students.

A student may remain on provisional status for only one semester and the subsequent short term unless special circumstances exist and permission for an extension is given in writing by the Admissions Committee. Admission to a provisional status does not guarantee admission later as matriculated. A personal conference with the Program Director is required before the student is accepted for admission on a provisional basis.

