



The Graduate School
Division of Graduate Education
600 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920

Petition for Provisional Candidacy for Applicants from Non-accredited Institutions

Policy: : Provisional degree or certificate candidacy may be granted by the Council on Graduate Studies to students who have not completed baccalaureate degrees from accredited institutions recognized by Eastern Illinois University. Applicants submit a letter to the Graduate Coordinator in the degree or certificate program and request that the Coordinator petition the Council to waive the accreditation admission criteria and substitute alternative institutional criteria and/or alternative student admission criteria. Alternative institutional criteria may include but is not limited to alternative forms of institutional recognition such as accreditation or affiliation with non-regional agencies or documents that summarize the mission and goals of the institution. Alternative student admission criteria may include but is not limited to test scores, portfolios, interviews, and/or other related student documentation. If the Coordinator agrees to petition the Council on the student's behalf, the Council will review the substitute documentation and render an admission decision. If granted provisional admission, the candidate will be required to complete 12 semester hours of graduate course work while earning and maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher and completion of any additional provisions required by the program. The provisions and dates are filed in the Graduate School. The Graduate School and the program will review the work of students in provisional candidacy. If candidates meet both the Graduate School and the program provisions, they may be recommended for degree or certificate candidacy. The same limitations outlined for other provisional candidates apply to provisional candidates admitted with alternative accreditation criteria.

Applicant Name:

ID Number:

Undergraduate Institution:

EIU Graduate/Certificate Program:

Graduate Coordinator:

Alternative Admission Documents:

Graduate Coordinator's Petition:

Council on Graduate Studies Decision: