

## Cornerstone Christian University

Maitland, FL

Admissions Department

Thank you for your inquiry and your interest in pursuing your education with Cornerstone!

Application Requirements for All Doctoral Programs, including the Ph.D. (Time allowed 3-5). An optional two more years can be requested beyond the five years if needed at a continuation fee-based process. All of our doctoral programs are designed to develop outstanding educational researchers (except biblical studies) who have a deep understanding of the scientific, practical, and policy issues they study.

### **Application Requirements:**

The minimum graduate admission requirements are:

1. Complete and submit CCU's Admission Application and a non-refundable fee of \$60
2. The application can also be submitted online;
3. A Master's degree or some lower-level coursework or experience in the field of interest (if not in the field, 24 additional credits of the master's level required) or recognized equivalent from a recognized institution;
4. A satisfactory scholastic average, usually a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale. A grade lower than B or 3.0 will require additional requirements; and
5. Official transcripts from all schools attended, graduated or not;
6. enough undergraduate training to do graduate work in your chosen field;
7. Since no government financial assistance is accepted. Must show proof of how you will pay for your studies;
8. A statement of Purpose/letter of intent is required

Your statement should be typed, single-spaced, and should be between one to two pages. Describe succinctly your reasons for applying to the proposed program, your preparation for this field of study and why our program is a good fit for you, your plans, and other aspects of your background as well as interests that may aid the admissions committee in evaluating your aptitude and motivation for graduate study. You may indicate potential faculty mentors as part of your study and research interests. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.

### 9. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to acquire three letters of recommendation. Cornerstone accepts online recommendations through the application system; mailed, or emailed recommendations.

Recommendations should be written by people who have supervised or have known you in an academic, employment, religious, or community service setting. At least one should be from a university professor familiar with your academic work. Your recommendations should directly address your suitability for admission to a graduate program at Cornerstone.

10. Successfully pass a face-to-face, phone, or zoom interview. Then a letter of acceptance will be issued. Once the letter is received, initial payment must be made through an online orientation before starting class.

11. Tuition is paid per session (about 6 sessions). Those who pay the tuition in full upfront may receive 10% off tuition. Payment is due two weeks before each session. Payment can be made online, via PayPal, in person, western Union, or Zelle. If paying with WU or Zelle, please contact Admissions for more details.

12. A scholarship is available to those who qualified based on income. To qualify, we must see your current year's income tax or a letter of employment indicating your yearly income. If you qualified, the scholarship will pay up to half the cost of the tuition only, not any other fees associated with the study.

Thank you,

Mark Vernon

Admission Advisor