

Proposed Admissions Standards Fort Lewis College November 2014

Purpose:

The “Submission of Institutional Standards to Commission” (4.01.02.04) section of the *Admissions Standards Policy* approved by CCHE in December 2013 with revisions from September 2014, states the following:

...institutions are required to establish and submit to the Commission for approval admissions standards by December 1, 2014. Institutions will submit admissions standards in a format to be determined by the Department in consultation with the institutions.

Colorado Revised Statue 23-1-113 explains that the admission standards shall be established at “...all state-supported baccalaureate and graduation institutions of higher education in the state.”

It is important to clarify that admission standards are intended to be a means of determining requirements for admission at four-year colleges. Meeting the admission standards does NOT guarantee admission to students as there is a broad range of factors which institutions consider in making decisions.

The CCHE Admissions policy was updated to reflect three areas from which institutions are to set admissions standards (4.01.02). This includes mid-50% range of Assessment Scores from ACT or SAT (4.01.02.01), mid-50% range of Grade Point Average correlated to a 4.0 scale (4.01.02.02), and Rigor (4.01.02.03).

In determining each appropriate mid-50% range, Fort Lewis analyzed mid-50% and median data for both enrolled and retained students from 2011-2013. Fort Lewis used two data sets for this analysis: 2011-2013 Fall semester post-census day enrollment reports and Common Data Set files.

Fort Lewis College proposes the following standards for admissibility of new first-time entering freshman and transfer applicants.

Freshman Applicants: High School GPA mid-50% range

The following range represents the mid-50% GPA that is appropriate for admission to Fort Lewis College: **2.8-3.6 GPA.**

Students who score above this mid-50% range are also appropriate for admission to Fort Lewis.

Fort Lewis will maintain or exceed this mid-50% range as part of the 2019 admission standards.

Freshman Applicants: Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Endorsed Diploma Admission Guidelines

As a selective institution, Fort Lewis College provides students with the PWR endorsement priority consideration during the admission process. By priority consideration, Fort Lewis agrees to review applications with the PWR endorsement within a two week period of submitting a completed application so long as the PWR endorsement can be identified on the high school transcripts.

Transfer Applicants: Minimum Transfer GPA and mid-50% Transfer GPA

The following GPA is an appropriate minimum transfer GPA for admission to Fort Lewis College:
2.4

Per Colorado Revised Statute 23-1-113, Fort Lewis College reserves the right to admit applicants below this minimum GPA as part of its admission window.

Although it was not requested for this document, Fort Lewis would also like to present the 50% range for transfer students in future versions of these standards.