

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO

Undergraduate Admissions Standards
University of Northern Colorado

September 2014

University of Northern Colorado standards for admissibility of new undergraduate student applicants:

First-year/Freshman

High School GPA mid 50% range:

Based on analysis of data for the previous year's admitted new/first-time class, the following range represents the mid 50% GPA of admitted students and was a strong predictor of student success in the first year: **3.0 – 3.7 GPA.**

Assessment Scores mid 50% range:

UNC requires submission of standardized assessment scores from either the ACT or SAT. Submission of the written component is optional. The following range represents the mid 50% ACT and/or SAT test scores of admitted students and was a strong predictor of student success in the first year:

ACT Composite range = **20 - 25**

SAT Combined (Critical Reading & Math) range = **970 - 1170**

Rigor:

Beginning with the class of 2008, the CCHE implemented the Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR) based on research done by American College Testing (ACT). For the rigor component, University of Northern Colorado proposes to maintain the HEAR standard and content areas listed below for admission into its baccalaureate programs.

<u>Academic Area</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
English	4 Units	4 Units
Mathematics	3 Units	4 Units
Natural Science	3 Units	3 Units
Social Science	3 Units	3 Units
Foreign Language	Not Req.	1 Unit
Academic Electives	2 Units	2 Units
TOTAL	15 Units	17 Units

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

University of Northern Colorado is a *selective* institution as listed in the Colorado Admission Standards Policy. Incoming first-year/freshman students with the PWR Endorsed Diploma will receive priority consideration when applying to the University of Northern Colorado. Exclusions as listed in the Admission Policy will prevent students from this guarantee (i.e. missing admission application deadline; failure to successfully complete PWR Endorsed Diploma as reflected on the final transcript; and other factors like violations of the institution's campus safety/conduct guidelines).

High School Equivalency Exam

Students applying to the University of Northern Colorado without a high school diploma and fewer than 30 transferable credits, must provide a high school equivalency exam score for evaluation. UNC will accept General Education Development (GED) versions 1988, 2002, 2014 and any other state approved exam. This route to admission is available only to students without a high school diploma.

University of Northern Colorado requires a score of 150 or above in each content area on the 2014 GED; a score of 550 or greater on the 2002 version; or 55 or greater on the 1988 version. Admission is not guaranteed for students who meet the minimum GED scores. Additional consideration for application evaluation may include academic rigor, performance, assessment scores, and personal statements.

Transfer

Minimum Transfer GPA:

Transfer student admissions will apply to all degree-seeking undergraduate transfer applicants with 24 or more college-level semester credit hours completed at the point of application. First-time admissions standards shall apply to transfer students with fewer than 24 college-level semester credit hours. Applicants should possess a minimum of a 2.0 college level GPA for transferable coursework to UNC.

Applicants who have completed an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Sciences (AS) degree from a Colorado public two-year institution will be guaranteed admissions to UNC, provided the student meets the minimum transfer GPA standard, has completed all courses with a grade of C- or better and a two-year institution is the last institution attended prior to transfer.