NON-TRADITIONAL ADMISSION POLICIES

Military-Affiliated and Mature Adults/GED Recipients

Some students may qualify for special admission consideration under the provisions of non-traditional admissions. In order to be considered under this policy, students must be classified into one of the categories described below. Once classified as non-traditional applicants, prospective students must apply and submit all credentials no later than October 15 for the spring term and no later than January 15 for the fall. Military-Affiliated, Mature adult and GED applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have sufficient skills to be admitted to TU. If a student does not have a sufficient academic history, they may be recommended to attend a community college or other degree-granting institution to ensure adequate preparation before transferring to TU.

Military-Affiliated

For admissions purposes, active duty refers to full-time duty in the active military, including members of the Reserve Components on full-time training duty. It does not include full-time National Guard duty. A veteran may be defined as a former member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services who has served over 30 days or more of active duty.

TU waives the application fee for military-affiliated students, attach a copy of your military orders or your DD-214 form to your online application verifying your service. You can also send it separately to University Admissions by email, fax or mail. Active military and veterans may be eligible for admission under the Non-Traditional Admissions policy which allows consideration for admission based on placement testing rather than SAT/ACT scores. If you would like to be considered for placement testing, please email admissions@towson.edu. Students are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible to ensure adequate processing time for the evaluation of the placement tests. Referrals for testing cannot be made until your formal application has been filed, complete with all appropriate academic credentials in transcript form. The Joint Services Transcript (JST) provides a description of military schooling and work. This transcript should be submitted to University Admissions so it can be evaluated for credit at the time of enrollment.

Mature Adults/GED Recipients

For admission purposes, the high school equivalence (General Education Development) examination standards established by the Maryland State Department of Education (or other similar agencies in other states) will be used as an alternative to high school graduation. These students may be eligible for admission under the Non-Traditional Admissions policy which allows consideration for admission based on placement testing rather than SAT/ACT scores. If you would like to be considered for placement testing, please email admissions@towson.edu. Students are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible to ensure adequate processing time for the evaluation of the placement tests.