

## Quick facts about **GRADUATE PROVISIONAL ADMISSION**

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### What is Provisional Admission?

Students who are not fully admissible to a graduate program may be offered provisional admission to the program. The academic department sets certain conditions that the student must meet, such as completing three courses with a GPA of 3.0 or above, before the student will be admitted to the degree program.

### How is aid eligibility affected?

Students who are provisionally admitted to a degree program are **not eligible** for federal, state, or MSU financial aid, although they may be eligible for private student loans. This policy is based upon federal regulations requiring a student to be fully admitted to a degree program as a condition of aid eligibility.

### There is one exception to the above:

If the student is required to do **preparatory course work** before being admitted to a graduate degree program, the student *may* be eligible for federal loans. Preparatory course work refers to courses a student is required to take in order to be admitted into a regular degree program. ***The courses are preparatory to the degree, not a part of the degree requirements.***

The student must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit appropriate documentation from the academic advisor to the Office of Financial Aid to be considered for this exception.

### ***Enrollment Requirements***

- Students must be enrolled in preparatory course work REQUIRED for admission to a regular graduate or graduate/professional degree program
- Students must be enrolled at least half time (5 credits) and only those courses REQUIRED for admission may be considered when determining enrollment level and student aid eligibility

### ***Documentation***

Documentation must be received from the student's academic advisor and must include the following:

- A statement that the course work is required for admission to a specified graduate or graduate/professional degree program
- A list of the specific courses required for admission
- A statement that the student will be admitted to the degree program if the courses are completed with the required grade

### ***Aid Eligibility***

- Aid eligibility is limited to Federal Stafford Loan. Loan amounts are the same as independent undergraduate seniors.
- Loan eligibility is limited to a single consecutive 12-month period.
- Students will be monitored throughout the enrollment period to ensure continued compliance with eligibility rules.