

MN Application Assessment

When the Graduate Program Admissions Review Committee is reviewing and assessing your MN application, the following criteria are used:

Grades:

The higher the numbers/letters are for the following three areas, the stronger the application:

- Admission GPA
- Grade in undergraduate Statistics Course
- Grade in undergraduate Research Methods or Evidence-Information Practice Course

Supporting Documents:

1. Referee comments on examples of strengths, competencies, & abilities

- [STRONG] Outstanding depiction of potential for success in graduate studies
- [AVERAGE] Average depiction of potential for success in graduate studies
- [NEEDS IMPROVEMENT] Ambivalent, conflicting, or minimal descriptions of strengths supporting scholarly potential

2. Quality of past experience, motivation for graduate studies, & career plans

- [STRONG] Clear & compelling articulation of links between past experience, motivation for graduate studies, & career plans
- [AVERAGE] Moderate articulation of links between past experience, motivation for graduate studies, & career plans
- [NEEDS IMPROVEMENT] Minimal articulation of links between past experience, motivation for graduate studies, & career plans

3. Overall quality of “Background Information” document

- [STRONG] Clear and concise writing style, well-organized, answered all questions fully
- [AVERAGE] Writing style lacks clarity and organization, but provided answers to all questions
- [NEEDS IMPROVEMENT] Document quality is unacceptable

4. Bonus

- Leadership (formal role, projects, committees)
- Beginning scholarly profile (journal publications, conference presentations)
- Recipient of notable awards & scholarships
- Research experience (Research assistant, project team, knowledge translation and quality improvement projects)
- Professional engagement (specialty certificates, membership in associations, conference participation)
- Graduate courses completed (ie open studies)

- Teaching experience (presentations to students, guest lecturer, preceptorship)
- Others (mentorship, volunteering, community engagement)