

Policy History
Policy No. AR2
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Admission Policy

A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

KPU is a special purpose, teaching university under the University Act. The University Act states that the senate of a special purpose, teaching university has the power and duty to “set qualifications for admission” (35.2 (5) (d)).

The purpose of this policy is to define the general criteria for admission to Kwantlen Polytechnic University and to outline the basis upon which applicants are selected for admission.

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to KPU applicants of Senate-approved curriculum. This policy does not apply to students wishing to enroll in courses or programs outside the jurisdiction of Senate, including Continuing / Professional Studies or Apprenticeship programs.

C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. KPU seeks applications from a diverse range of learners who would benefit from the educational offerings of a polytechnic university.
2. English is the primary language of study at KPU; applicants must therefore be able to demonstrate the appropriate level of English language proficiency.
3. The University has the right to require that applicants provide evidence to substantiate an application for admission.
4. The University will consider each applicant in an equitable and consistent manner.
5. Applicants will have the right to know the admission criteria under which applications will be evaluated prior to application. Consequently, changes to admission requirements will not normally be made after an application cycle has begun.
6. Published criteria will be used to assess applicants.
7. Admission requirements should be reliable predictors of success.
8. Admission will be to a Faculty.

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Section F of the *Procedures in Support of the Admission Policy* for a list of definitions in support of the *Admission Policy and the Procedures in Support of the Admission Policy*.

E. RELATED PROCEDURES

Refer to AR2 *Procedures in Support of the Admission Policy*.