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Admission Requirements

All applicants to the Ph.D. in Marine Science: Coastal and Marine Systems Science must meet the requirements for graduate admission to Coastal Carolina University, which includes:

1. Successful completion of a bachelor's degree for the M.S. program and either a master's or bachelor's degree for the Ph.D. program from a regionally accredited institution in a program appropriate to support graduate work in the School of the Coastal Environment (SCE).
2. Completion of a Coastal Carolina University application form.
3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) documented by official transcripts for all collegiate coursework.
4. Final, official transcripts for bachelor's and master's degrees (if applicable) are required to be received before formally beginning the program.
5. Successful completion of at least two semesters of college-level calculus, physics, and chemistry (Ph.D. program only) and advanced coursework in scientific disciplines related to the student's proposed research area.
6. Unless the applicant has completed a thesis-based Master's degree, ~~€~~copies of official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required. The University expects successful applicants to have a score of no less than 150 on both the verbal and quantitative portions. Scores must be less than three (3) years old. A Master's thesis (or thesis draft or thesis proposal) may be submitted in lieu of test scores.
7. If a non-native speaker of English, the applicant must also meet the language requirements for International Graduate [Admission Information](#) outlined in the Graduate Catalog.
8. Three (3) letters of recommendation outlining the applicant's past work and preparation and potential for successful completion of master's or doctoral studies.
9. Identification of a Major Professor/Advisor.
10. Submission of a written statement of educational and career goals, how the proposed degree will fulfill those goals and the subject area of research interest while completing the degree.
11. Submission of a resume.

Applicants entering the program with a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution may be awarded up to 30 credit hours for master's work completed prior to admission to this program (see required elements of the curriculum below). The SCE Graduate Admissions Committee will review the application materials submitted by each applicant to determine what graduate course credit may be applicable to the program's coursework requirements.

Highly qualified applicants entering the program from a regionally accredited bachelor's degree program may be provisionally accepted into the Ph.D. program through the general admission

procedure outlined above. Students should include with their application a written recommendation by a faculty member who agrees to serve as their dissertation major professor/advisor.