Medical Illustration Graduate Program
Application Requirements & Process

Note: Entry into the Medical Illustration Graduate Program occurs only in the Fall semester.

Admission Requirements

Application—

1. The MIGP Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork and MIGP Applicant Summary Form must be sent directly to the Medical Illustration Graduate Program (January 10 deadline for receipt) at:

   Medical Illustration Graduate Program, CJ-1101
   Dept. of Medical Illustration
   Georgia Regents University
   Augusta, GA 30912-0300

   Note: These materials are reviewed only by the Medical Illustration Graduate Program Admissions Committee.

2. Online Application for Graduate Programs at: http://www.gru.edu/admissions/graduate/

3. Application Fee: $50

4. Campus: Health Science campus in Augusta, GA. No online courses.

5. Deadlines for application and required materials and documents:

   Note: Early submission of all application materials is strongly advised.

   • January 10 (Fall Entry), MIGP Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork—Portfolio must be submitted directly to the Medical Illustration Graduate Program at the address above. It must be received by January 10. Specific information about the contents of the Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork can be found below and on the department website (http://www.gru.edu/medart).

   • January 10 (Fall Entry), MIGP Applicant Summary Form—The completed MIGP Applicant Summary Form must be submitted directly to the Medical Illustration Graduate Program at the address above. It must be received by January 10. The form can be found on the department website (http://www.gru.edu/medart).

   • January 10 (Fall entry), Online Application for Graduate Programs Deadline—All applicants must complete an Online Application for Graduate Programs and submit all required application materials to the Office of Academic Admissions by January 10.

   • February 1 – 28 (Fall entry), In-person Interviews—The department’s Admissions Committee will review all complete applications, and those applicants who meet or exceed the minimum requirements for program entry may be invited for an In-person Interview. Only complete applications will be considered. An In-person Interview is required for admission.

   Note: All required application materials and documents must be received in order for an
application to be considered complete and before an admission decision can be made. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

GPA—

Minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required.

Minimum Degree Requirement—

Minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university is required for entry into the program. Transcripts for all degrees earned outside North America must be evaluated to demonstrate that equivalence to a similar U.S. degree.

Official Transcripts—

Official transcripts are required from all universities, colleges or institutions ever attended that offer college credits. Only in the case of transcripts from international colleges/universities will an official course-by-course transcript evaluation be accepted in lieu of an official transcript.

Official transcripts should be sent electronically by the issuing institution’s Registrar to GRU’s Office of Academic Admissions at admissions@gru.edu. Alternatively, a printed transcript may be mailed, however, all printed transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution in order to be accepted as an official version. Mail printed transcripts to the Office of Academic Admissions, Georgia Regents University, 1120 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30912.

Transcript/Credential Evaluation of Foreign Transcripts—

An official, professional, course-by-course evaluation based on official transcripts and documents is required for all foreign educational transcripts and documents from one of the following three credentials evaluation services: Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., World Education Services (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE). Silny and WES are recommended. Official transcript evaluations based on unofficial transcripts, documents or copies will not fulfill this requirement.

References—

Recommendations (which include a reference form and a letter of recommendation) from three individuals are required. Referees should be individuals qualified to critically assess the applicant's prior academic (usually college professors), employment, artistic, research and/or clinical experience (clinical or research supervisor/manager) and qualifications (as applicable) as well as the applicant's potential as a graduate student in the field/program selected.

Graduate reference forms and letters of recommendation can be submitted online only. As part of the online application process, applicants provide the names and current email addresses for three individuals they have asked to serve as their referees. Once the online application is submitted, each referee will receive an email notification directing him/her to the online site where he/she can complete the reference form and upload his/her letter of recommendation. To change a referee after the application has been submitted, the applicant is instructed to log into his/her CollegeNet account and update the name and current email address for the referee.
Status updates of your referees’ submissions will be provided to you directly from CollegeNet.

**GRE Requirement—**

Minimum combined Verbal and Quantitative score of 900 (prior to August, 2011) or 295 (after August, 2011). Official GRE scores are required (only the General GRE test is required).*

All official GRE scores must be submitted to GRU’s Office of Academic Admissions directly from the Education Testing Service (ETS) and must be less than five years old. The institution code for submission of GRE scores to GRU is 5406. Please do not select a department code.

*Note: GRE scores must be received by the Office of Academic Admissions by January 10 in order for an application to move forward.*

**TOEFL Requirement—**

Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test scores are required for applicants whose first language is not English. Minimum TOEFL score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based or 79 internet-based. The institution code for submission of TOEFL scores to GRU is 5406. Please do not select a department code.

Exemption from the TOEFL requirement is allowed for graduate students who submit proof of earning a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college/university where English is the language of instruction.

### Program Specific Requirements

**Pre-requisite Courses—**

A. Sciences:

1. Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy† or Vertebrate Morphology† with student dissections of a mammal (for example, a cat, rabbit or piglet), with a grade of "B" or better;
2. Human Physiology†;

† A combined Human Anatomy & Physiology course with lab may be an acceptable substitute for the above two pre-requisites. Substitution is subject to review and approval by the Medical Illustration Graduate Program Admissions Committee.

B. Art:

1. Life Drawing from a nude model, including advanced-level courses;
2. Advanced courses in realistic drawing or painting from observation; and,
3. Computer graphics, including Photoshop ® and Illustrator ® or equivalent are required. Additional digital media courses are strongly recommended.

**Recommended Courses—**

In addition, any of the following courses are recommended but none are required:

A. Sciences: Histology, Embryology, Invertebrate Anatomy, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Immunology, Basic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry
B. Art: Animation, Architectural Drawing, Cinematography, Color Theory, Drafting, Design (Graphic, Interface, Media, Set/Stage, 2D, 3D, Type, Web, etc.), Media Arts, Sculpture, Photography, Perspective, Print Making (Engraving, Intaglio, Lithography, Serigraphy, etc.), Technical Drawing, Time Arts, Typography, Videography.

MIGP Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork—

All prospective students must submit an Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork. We only accept digital portfolios. The portfolio must contain 12 - 20 pieces of original creative work. Artwork must be drawn from direct observation (not from photographic reference). The portfolio must include the following 12 specific pieces:

- Three life drawings, including at least two long poses (3 hours or more)
- Two drawings of hands (life-size, tonal studies preferred)
- Three realistic still life studies in full color
- One vector-based computer graphic image (e.g., Adobe Illustrator, Corel Draw, etc.)
- One raster-based computer graphic image (e.g., Adobe Photoshop, Corel Painter, etc.)
- Two additional examples of realistic drawing or painting

Note: Samples from portfolios of past successful applicants may be viewed on the department website.
Note: Neatness and quality of presentation are considered.

For additional information and instructions about formatting and submitting the Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork, please download the Portfolio Instructions from the department website (http://www.gru.edu/medart).

MIGP Applicant Summary Form—

All prospective students must complete and submit the MIGP Applicant Summary Form. Please download the form and instructions from the department website (http://www.gru.edu/medart).

In-person Interview and Formal Portfolio Review with the Program Faculty—

The Medical Illustration Graduate Program Admissions Committee will review all complete applications. If the preliminary evaluation is satisfactory, applicants may be invited for an in-person interview in the department with the Admissions Committee.

In-person Interviews are by invitation only, and the interview is required for admission. All interviews will be scheduled for February. Travel to and from Augusta, as well as hotel arrangements for the interview, are the responsibility of the applicant.

A formal portfolio review is part of the In-person Interview. The applicant must bring a portfolio of artwork that includes 12 - 20 images, including the 12 required pieces for the Applicant Digital Portfolio of Artwork (see above). Also, bringing a sketchbook(s) to display is highly recommended. For the convenience of the applicant, photographs may be substituted for very
large pieces or sculptures. All works must be tangible originals or prints; no digital presentations, eBooks or websites will be allowed.

## Admission Recommendations

The successful applicant will have:

- A GPA of 3.0 or higher.  
  *Note: In 2014 the average cumulative GPA among successful applicants was 3.63, with a range of 3.20 – 3.83.*

- A minimum combined verbal and quantitative score on the GRE of 1000 or higher (prior to August, 2011) or 300 or higher (after August, 2011).  
  *Note: In 2014 the average combined GRE score among successful applicants was 307, with a range of 301 – 320.*

*Substitutions and/or waivers of minimum requirements must first be supported and approved by the Program Director and department Chairman, as well as by the Dean of The Graduate School. Substitutions and/or waivers are rarely granted, and then only extraordinary circumstances.*

**While every effort is made to maintain this information as current, it may be subject to change. Please check with GRU’s Office of Academic Admission for recent updates.**

***Applications deferred to another semester are subject to all admission requirements and program requirements in effect for the semester to which they are deferred.***

## Application Process

Formal application and application materials are submitted to and processed through the GRU Office of Academic Admissions (OAA). Programs will have access to applicants’ files and documents only after OAA has officially processed them into the system. Applicants can monitor receipt and processing of application documents using the online status check.

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, all applicants for admission to Georgia Regents University for Fall 2011 or any academic semester thereafter will be required to provide validation of lawful presence in the United States. Acceptance to the Georgia Regents University is conditional until lawful presence is verified. ALL applicants who are U.S. Citizens must submit documentation that verifies his/her lawful presence in the United States at time of application to Admissions@gru.edu.