



School of Graduate Studies
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Master of Science in Medical Illustration

Admission Requirements

- **Applicant Preliminary Evaluation Form** and **Preliminary Portfolio** (**January 31 deadline** for Fall entry) sent directly to the Medical Illustration Graduate Program:

Medical Illustration Graduate Program, CJ-1101
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA 30912-0300

Preliminary application materials are reviewed by the department's Admissions Committee. If the evaluation is satisfactory, you must then complete the Online Application for Graduate Programs and submit all required application materials and official documents. In addition, if the preliminary evaluation is satisfactory, you will be invited for an interview. Please do not submit a formal Online Application for Graduate Programs until you have completed the preliminary application process and received notification from the Department.

- Completed **Online Application for Graduate Programs**
- **Application Fee:** \$30
- Application **Deadlines:**
 - **January 31** (FALL entry)- Preliminary Application Deadline: The **Applicant Preliminary Evaluation Form** and preliminary portfolio must be submitted by the applicant directly to the Department of Medical Illustration by **January 31**. Specific information about the preliminary application process can be found at: <http://www.mcg.edu/medart/MI-Application.html>
 - **March 31** (FALL entry)- Formal Application Deadline - If invited for a personal interview by the Medical Illustration Graduate Program, the interviewee must complete a formal **Online Application for Graduate Programs** and submit all required application materials to the Office of Academic Admissions.

Note: Applications and supporting materials received after the program deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

- **GPA:** Minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. As an exception, the Admissions Committee may consider candidates with a lower GPA based on extenuating circumstances, test

scores (GRE), strengths in other areas; however, this may result in acceptance into the program on a probationary status.

- **Minimum Degree Requirement and Official Transcripts:** Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university.

Official transcripts are required from all universities and colleges ever attended. 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 to MCG's Office of Academic Admission as part of your "Admissions Packet". To remain official, all transcripts must remain in the original, unopened, sealed and stamped/signed envelope from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution. Alternatively, transcripts can be mailed to MCG's Office of Academic Admission directly from the Registrar's office of the issuing institution.

- **Transcript/Credential Evaluation of Foreign Transcripts:** An official, professional course-by-course evaluation 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).
- **References:** References/recommendations from three individuals are required using the [Admissions Reference Form for Graduate Programs at the Medical College of Georgia](#). Referees should be individuals qualified to assess your prior academic, employment, artistic, research and/or clinical experience, qualifications and potential, as applicable.
- **GRE Score Requirement:** Minimum combined Verbal and Quantitative score of 900. Official GRE scores are required (only the General GRE test is required).

All official GRE scores must be submitted to MCG's OAA directly from the [Education Testing Service \(ETS\)](#) and must be less than five years old. The institution code for submission of GRE scores to MCG is 5406. Please do not select a department code.

- **TOEFL Exam Scores:** Minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computers based or 79 internet based.

Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test scores are required for applicants whose first language is not English. The institution code for submission of TOEFL scores to MCG 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 course work:**
 - Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy or Vertebrate Morphology with student dissections of a mammal (for example, a cat or piglet).
 - Human Physiology.
 - Life Drawing from the nude model, including advanced-level courses.
 - Advanced courses in realistic drawing or painting from observation.

- Computer graphics, including Photoshop® and Illustrator® or equivalent are required. Additional digital media courses are strongly recommended.
- Any of the following are also recommended:
 - *Science*: Histology, Embryology, Invertebrate Anatomy, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Immunology, Basic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry.
 - *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.
- **Preliminary Application and Preliminary Portfolio of Original Artwork:** Specific information regarding the preliminary and formal portfolios can be found at www.mcg.edu/medart/MI-Application.html. Samples of artwork from the portfolios of successful applicants can be seen at <http://www.mcg.edu/medart/MI-Portfolio.html>
- **Personal Interview and Formal Portfolio Review with the program faculty:** Preliminary application materials are reviewed by the department Admissions Committee. If approved, the applicant will be invited to Augusta for a personal interview with the Admissions Committee. Interviews are by invitation only, and are scheduled in February and March. A personal interview is required for admission. Travel to and from Augusta and hotel arrangements for the interview are the responsibility of the applicant. The applicant must bring a formal portfolio of work to the interview.

Admission Recommendations

- **GPA:** Prefer GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- **GRE:** Prefer a minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 1000 or higher.

** Substitutions and/or waivers of minimum requirements must first be supported and approved at the program level and then formally approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.*

** While every effort is made to maintain this information as current, it may be subject to change. Please check with MCG'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*

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