A Quick Reference Guide

Who goes to Pitt?
Announcement:
Marc L. Harding, University of Pittsburgh’s Chief Enrollment Officer

Betsy Porter retired in June 2012 as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, after 34 years of achieving record enrollments at Pitt. She is succeeded by Marc L. Harding as the University of Pittsburgh’s Chief Enrollment Officer. Harding, a nationally known enrollment specialist, has held admissions positions at the University of South Florida, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and most recently, Iowa State University, where he began as director of admissions in 1997, and was promoted to director of admissions and enrollment services in 2003, and assistant vice president for enrollment and director of admissions in January 2011. At Iowa State, Harding’s efforts resulted in a 50 percent increase in applications and a nearly 30 percent increase in freshman enrollment, along with greater ethnic and geographic diversity. Harding has also served in leadership positions in the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Admission Notes

1. **Holistic Review of Applicants**—We remain committed to the individual review of each applicant, taking into consideration grades, grade trends, the quality and level of challenge in an applicant’s curriculum (as evidenced by AP, Honors, IB, and College in High School classes), the SAT Critical Reading and Math scores or the ACT (with writing), and self-presentation in the form of a personal essay and/or letters of recommendation from one or more people who know the applicant well.

2. **The Campus Visit**—We recommend that all prospective students make a campus visit so they can realistically assess whether they would be comfortable at the University of Pittsburgh. We offer many weekday visit opportunities as well as Saturday and seasonal on-campus programs.

To arrange a visit, students can call or e-mail the Undergraduate Visit Center at: 412-624-7711 or visitctr@pitt.edu, or set up a visit online at [www.oafa.pitt.edu/visit.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/visit.aspx). On weekdays we offer:

- Group information sessions
- Campus tours
- The opportunity to **Sample A Class**
- Personal appointments
- Open houses and/or information sessions by the:
  - College of Business Administration (M-F)
  - University Honors College (M & F only)
  - School of Engineering (M-F)
  - School of Nursing (M & F only)
  - Study Abroad Office (M, W, F only)
3. **APPLICATION**—We recommend that students apply and pay the $45 application fee online at www.oafa.pitt.edu. You can request printed application supplies online at www.oafa.pitt.edu/hscounselors.aspx.

One application will cover five review processes:

- Admission
- Scholarship (students must apply by January 15)
- Eligibility for participation in the University Honors College
- Guaranteed admission to 15 graduate/professional programs—business, communication science, dental medicine, dietetics (coordinated), education, engineering, law, medicine (the completed application, along with supporting credentials, should be received on or before December 1 from interested students), nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician’s assistant, public health, public and international affairs, and social work (guidelines for these programs are available online at www.oafa.pitt.edu/guarantee.aspx).
- First step in the financial aid process

4. **DEADLINES**—We practice rolling admission, however, the majority of students apply before the January 15 scholarship deadline. Close to 25,000 applications are received for about 3,540 spaces, therefore, early application is important especially for smaller programs that may fill up as early as December.

**Scholarship note:** Senior SAT/ACT’s received after an admissions decision has been made but before the January 15 scholarship deadline will result in a re-review by the Scholarship Committee if the results change a student’s profile enough to put him/her into a potential scholarship category.

5. **TRANSCRIPTS**—We will accept a *faxed transcript* if it comes directly from the high school, provided a final, official, transcript is sent by mail for those students who graduate and eventually enroll at the University.

FAX: 412-624-4138

6. **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULTS**—We require that students have their official SAT I or ACT (with writing) scores sent directly to Pitt from the testing service.

- Pitt’s SAT identifying code # 2927; www.collegeboard.com/testing
- Pitt’s ACT identifying code # 3734; www.act.org/aap

7. **CLASS RANK**—If your school gives students a choice about reporting their rank to colleges, please note on the transcript that the student has chosen this option so we won’t call you to request a class rank, a standard procedure if we see other applicants with ranks being reported.
8. **The Personal Essay**—The application essay is optional, but we strongly recommend it. We have enclosed an information sheet to answer questions your students may have about supplemental information submitted with their application. When many students apply for a few spaces, it becomes increasingly critical for applicants to take an active role in their admissions process. The same applies to letters of recommendation. They should, however, be from someone who can comment knowledgeably about the applicant.

9. **Admissions Decisions**—An initial application review can result in one of the following decisions:

- **Admission** for qualified students who then have until May 1 to commit.
- **A request for additional information**, such as senior SAT/ACT results and/or mid-year grades for potentially admissible students.
- **Notification that a student’s admission decision will be deferred until on-or-before April 1**.
- **Admission to the Options Program** followed by an offer of admission directly from one of our regional campuses located at Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, or Titusville.
- **Denial** of admission.

10. **Fall 2012 Class Profile**—Statistics to assist you in counseling your students.

- 3707 freshman deposits
- 21.7% minority
- 52% are in the top 10% of their high school class
- 27% are among the top 10 students in their high school class
- 9% are valedictorians or salutatorians
- 46% earned a 4.0 or better GPA
- 98% of the freshmen took one or more AP, honors, IB, or college in high school classes during their high school career
- the freshman class attended over 1300 different high schools
- high school class sizes ranged from home-schooled students to 2888 students
- they come from 46 different states; the greatest number are from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, California, Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Texas, and Florida
- 67% are from Pennsylvania
- SAT subscore mid-50% ranges
  - Math: 600-700
  - Critical Reading: 580-680
  - Writing: 560-670
- ACT composite mid-50% range
  - 25-30
11. **KEEPING STUDENTS INVOLVED**—We encourage students to get involved in their own admissions process. To that end, if students are wondering whether we have received information required to make their application complete, they can check online at [www.oafa.pitt.edu/myapp.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/myapp.aspx) to see what is still outstanding.

12. **KEEPING YOU INVOLVED**—If you wish to contact the admissions application processing center, please go to [www.oafa.pitt.edu/hscounselors.aspx](http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/hscounselors.aspx). The Counselors and Teachers web site is also designed to help you understand changes in our admissions profile and process so you can more comfortably communicate with students and families. On it you can access:

- An outline of the Pitt admissions process
- High school course requirements for different Pitt schools
- Profile of the fall 2012 incoming class
- Comparison of applications, admits, and admit-paid students (.pdf)
- Printable freshman application and recommendation form (.pdf)
- Costs and scholarship information
- Graduate/professional school guarantee criteria
- An online form for ordering more admissions materials
- A link with our online prospectus

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FALL 2012 FRESHMAN CLASS

APPLICATIONS

Acceptance Yield

Class Rank Distribution

Honors College SAT Average

*Most recent available information at time of printing, as of 8/27/2012