

## Checklist for Applicants to the Traditional Master of Science **ENVS** Graduate Program at CNU

**All applicants** must provide the following items plus the documents listed below:

- \_\_\_ [Application for Admission to Graduate Study](#)
- \_\_\_ **Application fee** (non-refundable) sent electronically from online application
- \_\_\_ [Application for Virginia In-state Tuition Rates](#), if seeking entitlement to in-state tuition rate privileges
- \_\_\_ [Official CNU Transcript](#)
- \_\_\_ [Official Transcript\(s\)](#) from other institution(s) awarding the baccalaureate degree(s)
- \_\_\_ [Official Transcript\(s\)](#) from all graduate work taken at other institutions

**Master of Science in Environmental Science Degree-Seeking** applicants must provide:

- \_\_\_ **Three (3) Recommendation Forms**, with academic abilities assessed are required.\*  
(Send **electronically**, as part of your application, after submitting application via CNU LIVE.)

\*A reference letter alone is not adequate.

If a professor or reference requests a printed Recommendation Form, please contact: [gradques@cnu.edu](mailto:gradques@cnu.edu).

- \_\_\_ **GRE** Scores from the General Test ( taken within 5 years prior to the date of admission )  
Minimum score of 295 for Verbal and Quantitative sections combined—with reasonably balanced scores between the two sections.  
Those with a combined score of 300 or above should experience success in the graduate program.

\_\_\_ **Procurement of a Thesis Advisor** is required **prior** to admission for applicants pursuing a thesis option.

Prospective students should contact graduate faculty members from [Organismal & Environmental Biology](#) or [Molecular Biology & Chemistry](#) with similar research interests to determine one who is accepting new graduate students. Please schedule a meeting to determine their availability to serve as the Advisor/Chair of the Thesis.

Applicants are encouraged to speak with the [Graduate Program Coordinator](#) if assistance is needed in selecting graduate faculty members to contact and request membership on the thesis committee.

- ❖ **Applicants for the TRADITIONAL ENVS** program have a thesis or non-thesis option. The curriculum for each is detailed in the *Graduate Catalog*.
- **Questions pertaining to the application process** should be emailed to Graduate Admission at: [gradques@cnu.edu](mailto:gradques@cnu.edu)
- **To check the status of your application**, please email Graduate Admission at: [gradques@cnu.edu](mailto:gradques@cnu.edu)

**Non-degree MS Applicants**    Minimum 3.0 GPA required    (See exception below for **Licensed Teachers in the Commonwealth of Virginia**)

- \_\_\_ Official Transcript(s) from the institution(s) awarding the baccalaureate degree(s)
- \_\_\_ Official Transcript(s) from all graduate work taken at other institutions

**Non-degree Applicants** who are **Licensed Teachers in the Commonwealth of Virginia** seeking Re-Certification

- \_\_\_ Official Transcript(s) not required. A copy of the transcript is acceptable.                      Minimum 3.0 GPA required

**Prior to Graduate Admission Deadlines, all information must be submitted to:**

### Graduate Application Deadlines

**Fall**            Jul 15    for **ENVS** Applicants

**Spring**        Nov 1    for **ENVS** Applicants

**Summer**      Mar 15    for **ENVS** Applicants

### Graduate Admission

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