

Application Process: Applicants can apply through the process presented at the Buffalo State Graduate School Web site (www.buffalostate.edu/graduateschool), and would need to meet all of the EDT program application requirements, plus all of the international student applications requirements, including the following:

- a) Undergraduate degree + official transcripts: Hold an undergraduate baccalaureate degree from an accredited university, and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) in their undergraduate program. Applicants must submit official or certified true copies of transcripts along with a certified English translation of all transcripts from postsecondary schools outside the United States.
- b) Application form and fee: Submit a completed online Graduate Admission Application, along with a \$65 application fee.
- c) Letters of recommendation: Arrange for three current letters of recommendation to be sent from professional sources that address your application to the program.
- d) Statement of Purpose: Develop and submit a written Statement of Purpose that addresses your current and previous computer experience and career goals.
- e) Language requirement: Applicants for whom English is a second language must submit a score of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) as documentation of English language proficiency. Only applicants with a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the paper exam or 79 on the Internet exam are considered for admission.
- f) Undergraduate degree evaluation: A degree evaluation is required for all students who have completed a bachelor's degree outside the United States. Applicants must submit official copies of postsecondary diploma(s)/transcripts to one of the following organizations for a document-by-document evaluation* to determine equivalency to a United States bachelor's degree: (1) Josef Silny and Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants, 7101 SW 102 Avenue, Miami, FL 33173, Phone:(305) 273-1616, Fax: (305) 273-1338, or (2) World Education Services Inc., P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113-0745, Phone: (800) 937-3895, Fax: (212) 739-6100
- g) Proof of financial support: International students must show proof of financial support for the duration of studies on the Confidential Statement of Finances form. About \$28,398 a year should be budgeted to cover expenses.
- h) Student visa: Once an applicant has been officially accepted to a degree program, the Graduate School will mail an acceptance letter and the paperwork necessary to apply for an I-20 form. The applicant must return these forms to the International Student Affairs Office (<http://www.buffalostate.edu/internationalstudentaffairs/index.xml>) which will send an I-20 form to the student to obtain an F-1 (student) visa from the United States' embassy or consulate in their home country.