



Robert Morris University
Office of Graduate Admissions

Accelerated 4+1
&
Counseling Psychology (3+2)

Student Handbook
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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Accelerated 4+1 Program at Robert Morris University. In today's highly competitive job market, having both an undergraduate and graduate degree can give you a distinct advantage and make you more valuable to potential employers.

RMU knows you want to get the most out of your time. That's why we offer a selection of Accelerated 4+1 Programs that enable you to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in around five years.

This handbook will outline the application process as well as provide helpful information that will help you to decide if the Accelerated 4+1 Program is a good fit for you.

We look forward to further discussing your interest in the program!

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Accelerated 4+1 Offerings

The Accelerated 4+1 Program is available to qualified, on-ground bachelor's degree seeking students.

BSBA/MBA

BSBA/Taxation

BS Applied Mathematics, concentration in Financial Mathematics/MBA

BS Engineering/MBA

BS Engineering/MS Engineering Management

BS Engineering/MS Healthcare Systems Engineering

BS Psychology/MS Counseling Psychology (3+2 Program)

Any Bachelor's/MS Cyber Security

Any Bachelor's/MS Data Analytics

Any Bachelor's/MS Healthcare Analytics

Any Bachelor's/MS Information Systems Management

Any Bachelor's/MS Information Technology Project Management

Any Bachelor's/MS Organizational Leadership

Any Bachelor's/MS Web and Mobile Information Systems

Any Bachelor's/MS Cyber Investigation & Intelligence

BS Health Services Administration/MS Health Services Administration

Admission Criteria

MBA

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- Applications must be completed in spring semester of junior year or when applicant has earned 90 credits but no more than 100 earned credits
- 3.0 GPA (GMAT is required if GPA is below 3.0)
- 1 page essay describing your interest in earning the degree
- Resume

Taxation

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 3.0 GPA (GMAT is required if GPA is below 3.0)
- 88-109 earned credits
- 1 page essay describing your interest in earning the degree
- Resume
- It is strongly recommended that students complete Federal Taxes II before starting the program

Engineering Management

Healthcare Systems Engineering

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 2.8 overall GPA and 3.0 GPA in RMU engineering courses
- 81-96 earned credits
- Personal statement of interest
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Resume

Counseling Psychology (3+2 Program)

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 3.0 GPA
- 3rd year students who already applied to get on the counseling psychology concentration track
- 500 word essay answering “What has led you to pursue a career as a professional counselor?”
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Resume

Health Services Administration

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 3.0 GPA
- 87 earned credits
- 500 word essay describing your interest to the program and professional goals
- Resume

Cyber Security

Data Analytics

Healthcare Analytics

Information Systems Management

Information Technology Project Management

Web & Mobile Information Systems

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 2.8 overall GPA, 3.0 major GPA, 3.0 for computing courses
- 87-108 earned credits
- Resume

Organizational Leadership

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- 2.8 overall GPA, 3.0 major GPA
- 87-108 earned credits
- 750-1000 word essay detailing academic and professional goals
- Resume

Cyber Investigation & Intelligence

- Accelerated 4+1 Programs Application – www.rmu.edu/accelerated
- Applications must be completed in spring semester of junior year or when applicant has earned 90 credits.
- 3.0 overall GPA
- 1 page essay describing your interest in earning the degree
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Resume
- PA Criminal History Background Check
 - <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

International Students, Student-Athletes and Veterans

Prior to making an application to the Accelerated 4+1 Program please contact the following staff members regarding your eligibility:

International Students

Tabitha Slater

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Student-Athletes

Nicole Law

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On-campus location: Center for Student Success

Veterans

David Ausman

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On-campus location: Jefferson Center 105

Program Directors

If you have academic/course/scheduling related questions about the Accelerated 4+1 Program please arrange an appointment with the appropriate program director.

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Taxation

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Engineering

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Organizational Leadership

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Health Services Administration

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Application Process

To be considered for admission into the Accelerated 4+1 Program please follow the admission procedure below. **Note: Applicants must submit a completed accelerated 4+1 application packet. Partially completed packets will not be accepted.**

1. Application
 - a. You can apply directly online at www.rmu.edu/accelerated.
 - b. Be cognizant of the minimum credit requirement of the program you're interested in, applications will not be accepted if you don't meet the minimum credit requirement.
2. Letters of Recommendation
 - a. The **MS in Engineering Management, MS in Healthcare Systems Engineering, MS in Cyber Investigation and Intelligence**, and the **MS in Counseling Psychology (3+2)** Program requires 2 professional letters of recommendation
 - b. One letter of recommendation must come from a faculty member
 - c. Letter of Recommendation forms are required and can be found online and can be emailed to either Sabrina or Jessica.
3. Resume
 - a. A current resume is required for all programs which you can upload on the application.
4. Personal Statements and Essays
 - a. The personal statement and essays can be uploaded on the application.
 - b. The **MS in Engineering Management and MS in Healthcare Systems Engineering** program requires that applicants submit a 3-5 paragraph personal statement describing interest in the program and professional/education goals
 - c. The **MS in Organizational Leadership** program requires that applicants submit a 750-1000 word essay describing interest in the program and detailing academic and professional goals
 - d. The **MBA, MS in Taxation, MS in Cyber Investigations & Intelligence, and MS in Health Services Administration** programs require applicants to submit a 1 page essay describing interest in the earning the degree
 - e. The **MS in Counseling Psychology (3+2 Program)** requires applicants to submit a 500 word essay answering the question: What has led you to pursue a career as a professional counselor?

Accelerated 4+1 Contract

Once your completed application is received, it will be sent to the program director for review. A decision is typically rendered within 7-14 days. You will be notified via email of your decision.

If you're admitted into the program, you'll be asked to sign the Accelerated 4+1 Student Contract. This can be done by making an appointment with **Sabrina or Jessica**.

It is important to thoroughly review and understand the contract prior to signing and submitting.

Robert Morris University
Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor's/Master's Program
Student Enrollment Agreement (**SAMPLE**)

The following terms must be understood and agreed upon by each student who wishes to enter the Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor's/Master's program. Please read each statement below carefully and then sign on the bottom of the form to indicate your understanding and agreement with each statement.

1. ***I understand that I will forgo earning my bachelor's degree until I have met all of the necessary academic requirements to receive my accelerated 4+1 degree. No interim bachelor degree will be awarded and I will not be able to participate in a commencement exercise until my accelerated 4+1 program requirements have been met.*** Once my accelerated 4+1 degree is complete, I can elect to have either my bachelor's or master's degree conferred at the appropriate commencement exercises.

2. I agree that once I am officially placed into the accelerated 4+1 program, I will begin to pay the University's blended flat rate of tuition. ***I understand that I will be charged the blended flat rate of tuition for the very next term that I enroll in classes regardless of the term I applied for as my desired entry term for the accelerated 4+1 program.*** Entering the accelerated 4+1 program means that I will forfeit my ability to pay for courses on a per credit basis (unless taking under 12 credits in a semester at which point I will pay a per credit rate that is a hybrid of the current per credit rate of graduate and undergraduate tuition).

3. If I elect to leave the accelerated 4+1 program at any time after I am placed into it, I will return to my original undergraduate check sheet. I will receive credit toward my undergraduate requirements for graduate work completed when applicable. If I elect to make this change, I understand that I will then be placed on the University's traditional flat rate of tuition. If my bachelor's degree requirements are met once I leave the accelerated 4+1 program, my bachelor's degree will be conferred at the end of the term during which I changed majors. The degree will not be back dated.

4. I understand that credits earned in one degree will not be applied towards the second degree with related content. In this case, advanced placement will be applied, and a course substitution will be approved by the department head.

5. I understand that I will continue to be eligible to receive institutional aid for a total of 10 semesters once accepted into the accelerated 4+1 program. Students must maintain full-time status, which is a minimum of 12 credits each fall and spring semester, in order to continue to receive institutional aid. The 12 credits may be a combination of graduate and undergraduate work. ***Athletic scholarships are determined annually by individual coaches following NCAA regulations. If you are a student-athlete you should have already discussed your interest in the accelerated 4+1 program with Nicole Law.***

6. I understand that to earn my accelerated 4+1 bachelor's and master's degrees, I must meet the enrollment and graduation standards of the accelerated 4+1 degree program at the undergraduate level, as well as meet the college's graduation requirements to receive an undergraduate and graduate degree.

7. I understand that I will complete the requirements for the approved master's degree only. Once my accelerated 4+1 degree is complete, I can apply through Office of Graduate Admissions to earn a second master's degree according to the Change of Graduate Degree Program Policy and Graduate Second Master's Degree Policy.

Financial Aid

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If you have additional questions about Financial Aid please contact you counselor based on last name initial:

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