

ACiT Below 2.5 GPA Policy

In accordance to TAC 227.10(B) candidates can be formally admitted by the program director if the following conditions are met.

- The program director identifies an extraordinary circumstance, and
- The candidate has passed the appropriate PACT exam, and
- The candidate has work, business, or career experience demonstrates achievement equivalent to the academic achievement represented by the GPA requirement.

Examples of Evidence

- For the extraordinary circumstance the director can use a letter provided by the candidate indicating the reason(s) for the low GPA as evidence.
- As evidence for the passing of the PACT exam the director can use the candidates PACT test scores.
- As evidence of the candidate's relevant work, business, or career experience the director can use the candidates resume or vitae.

Process

To get the review process started, a candidate must submit a request along with evidence outlined above. The request will be reviewed by ACiT administrators.

Candidates that have a request approved will be notified in writing. The notification will outline what documentation was used to make the substitution. A copy of the written notification will be placed in the candidate's permanent file.

In the case that a request is denied the candidate will be notified in writing. The notification will state the reason for the denial. The candidate will be provided a copy of the request and notification.

TAC 227.10(B)

(B) An exception to the minimum GPA requirement may be granted by the program director only in extraordinary circumstances and may not be used by a program to admit more than 10% of any incoming class of candidates. An applicant is eligible for this exception if:

(i) documentation and certification from the program director that an applicant's work, business, or career experience demonstrates achievement equivalent to the academic achievement represented by the GPA requirement; and

(ii) in accordance with the Texas Education Code, §21.0441(b), an applicant must pass an appropriate content certification examination as specified in paragraph (4)(C) and (D) of this subsection for each subject in which the applicant seeks certification prior to admission. Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement and have previously been admitted into an EPP may request permission to register for an appropriate content certification examination if the applicant is not seeking admission to the same EPP that previously granted test approval for a certification examination in the same certification class.