



# EARLY ACCESS PCB&E GRADUATE PROGRAMS

» START EARNING GRADUATE CREDIT FOR FREE WHILE STILL BEING AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT!

## BENEFITS OF EARLY ACCESS to Graduate Business Programs

Those who hold a master's degree earn an average of \$12,480 more per year.\*

\* U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics website  
[www.bls.gov/emp/ep\\_chart\\_001.htm](http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm)

1. **SAVE TIME** - students who take advantage of the early access program can go on to complete their MBA in one year or less!
2. **REDUCE COST** - students can take up to 9 graduate credit hours if accepted into the Early Access Program, which reduces their cost of a graduate program!
3. **BANK CREDITS** - students should feel comfortable knowing their credits remain valid, even if stepping out for a bit.

## FREQUENTLY Asked Questions

**How does Early Access affect financial aid?** It will not affect your financial aid. Students accepted into the Early Access Program are still required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 undergraduate credit hours.

**What forms and signatures do I need?** You must complete an application to the Early Access Graduate Program. The form can be obtained from the Plaster College of Business and Entrepreneurship (PCB&E). Submit the form to the Director of the Early Access Program, Dr. Maryann Townsend, in Harmon Hall Room 161 or by email at [mtownsend@lindenwood.edu](mailto:mtownsend@lindenwood.edu). Your academic records will be reviewed, and if you meet the requirements, you will be approved for Early Access registration.

**Why would I want to do the Early Access Program?** Upon completing your bachelor's degree and nine hours of graduate work, you will be able to shorten the time it takes to complete the requirements for the graduate program and reduce the total cost of the program.

**What is the maximum number of courses I can take prior to receiving my bachelor degree?** Students are permitted to enroll in no more than six credit hours of graduate course work per 16-week semester and can complete no more than nine credit hours of graduate work prior to receiving a bachelors degree.

**Who can apply to the early access program?** Any full-time Lindenwood student who has completed a minimum of 84 undergraduate hours, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00, is eligible to apply.

**Do I have to be seeking an undergraduate degree in business to enter this program?** No. Non-business degree seeking students may be required to complete foundations courses before moving into core business courses or electives.

**How much does this cost?** Full-time traditional undergraduate students who pay the block rate of tuition are eligible to take up to three graduate courses without charge\*. Required course material expenses and lab fees for any graduate courses will be at the student's expense. Non-traditional students are eligible, but they will pay the undergraduate rate of tuition.

**Is there a minimum GPA to remain in the program?** Yes. You must maintain a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a minimum graduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 to remain in the Early Access Program.

**Am I automatically accepted to the Graduate School once I have completed my undergraduate program?** No. The Early Access Program allows students the opportunity to enroll in classes at the undergraduate level. Students must complete the process of applying to the respective Lindenwood Graduate Program upon finishing their undergraduate degree.

» [www.lindenwood.edu/business/early-access-mba](http://www.lindenwood.edu/business/early-access-mba)

\* charges will apply if the student exceeds the block maximum

## Early Access PROGRAM DETAILS

Open to ALL full-time Lindenwood undergraduate majors

3.0 GPA or higher required

Must be enrolled in at least 12 hrs of undergraduate courses

Graduate courses for the price of undergraduate coursework

Complete up to 9 graduate credit hrs during senior year

SAVE TIME  
SPEND LESS  
EARN MORE

APPLY TODAY »



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# APPLICATION

## Early Access Graduate Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI Maiden

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell Work/Other

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO BEGIN the Early Access Graduate Program?

Fall MBA I \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Fall MBA II \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Spring MBA I \_\_\_\_\_ Year / Spring MBA II \_\_\_\_\_ Year

### LINDENWOOD DEGREE Currently Being Pursued

\_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Major Anticipated Graduation Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current GPA Current Hours Completed Current Advisor

### HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT Lindenwood's Early Access Program?

In the event of enrollment, I agree that I will be subject to all school, financial, and academic rules and regulations of Lindenwood University. I certify that the above information is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

**PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:** Dr. Maryann Townsend  
mtownsend@lindenwood.edu  
Harmon Hall, Room 161 or 100

**NOTE:** The additional charge for the graduate class(es) will remain on your billing statement until attendance has been verified, approximately the third week of the term. Once attendance in all classes has been verified, a Lindenwood Grant will be applied for the tuition charge of the graduate class.