

Applicant Qualification

Doctor of Philosophy Program in Social Development Administration (English Program)

1. Plan 1 (1.1) Dissertation

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1) Applicants completed a Master's degree in any field of study from an academic institution accredited by Thailand's Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC) or Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC) with a minimum GPA of 3.50 (based on the maximum of 4.00)

2) Applicants must demonstrate that they have relevant knowledge and research experience in addition to their Master's theses prior to the program application. They must submit either:

A) at least 1 research / academic article published in a peer-reviewed academic journal listed in Thailand Citation Index (TCI) tier 1 and tier 2 or international databases (i.e., ISI, Scopus) with 100 percent author contribution rate, or

B) at least 2 research / academic articles published in peer-reviewed academic journals listed in Thailand Citation Index (TCI) tier 1 and tier 2 or international databases (i.e., ISI, Scopus) with 50 percent author contribution rate. Applicants must also submit an additional author contributions form specifying the contribution of each author of the manuscript.

2. Plan 2 (2.1) Coursework and Dissertation

Applicants completed a Master's degree in any field of study from an academic institution accredited by Thailand's Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC) or Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC).

3. English Language Proficiency

1) Applicants who have achieved the minimum score of 550 TOEFL PBT/ 213 TOEFL CBT/ 79 TOEFL iBT or 6.0 IELTS (valid within 2 years from the test date) will be exempted from the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses if admitted to the program.

2) Applicants who have achieved the minimum score of 500 TOEFL PBT/ 173 TOEFL CBT/ 61 TOEFL iBT or 5.0 IELTS (valid within 2 years from the test date) can be admitted to the program on the condition that they are subject to the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses.

3) Applicants who have not obtained the required English proficiency score can be admitted to the program on the condition that they are subject to the mandatory enrollment of English for graduate studies courses and obtain the minimum score of 500 TOEFL PBT/ 173 TOEFL CBT/ 61 TOEFL iBT/ 5.0 IELTS/ 500 NIDA EPT, or they can attend additional intensive English I and intensive English II courses with the minimum score of 65 before graduation.