

# Limited Enrolment F.A.Q.'s

## What does limited enrolment mean?

Limited enrolment means that we have more demand for a program than spaces available. Other terms used for this are oversubscribed or competitive. In limited enrolment programs, please note that possession of the admission requirements does not guarantee admission. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available, the College reserves the right to select from among those applicants. All students applying by February 1 will be given equal consideration. Preference will be given to Ontario residents.

## What criteria are used in the selection process?

Unless specifically stated, grades are the ONLY tool used to compare students to one another. No admissions testing, résumés, or interviews are considered.

## Do you use mid-term grades from the second semester?

As all of our decisions are made well before second semester mid-term grades are available, we do not use mid-term grades. Unless there is a case for a student working on a non-traditional schedule (e.g., night school, non-semestered), we will only note the fact that a student is in progress with a prerequisite.

## Do you use an overall high school average?

Cambrian uses only the courses that are considered prerequisites for the program in question. For example, a student applying for Dental Hygiene will be considered only on his/her biology, chemistry, and English marks. Geography or history grades do not help nor hurt the applicant's chance to get into the program.

## Are college and university students given a preferential standing in the selection process?

No; all students are grouped separately (high school, college/university, upgrading) to begin with, so we can compare students with similar backgrounds. We then take the best candidates from all groups. Once we have established the benchmark for admission, we then compare all students together to compile our wait list.

## What happens when students aren't taking prerequisite courses until second semester?

Cambrian requires that students complete at least 50% of the prerequisite courses (and possibly higher, depending on the demand of the program) in order to be considered for limited enrolment programs. Using the example of Dental Hygiene, we would need 2 final grades in any of the 3 prerequisite subjects (English, chemistry, biology) to be considered. A final grade in only one course would not be enough. Applicants currently attending a semestered secondary school are strongly encouraged to complete, in the first semester of their final year or in their third year of studies, the subject-specific requirements for the programs to which they are applying in order that final marks for these courses may be used in the selection.

## What kind of marks do students need?

Cut-off grades vary somewhat from one year to the next, depending on the pool of applicants.

The following will give you some idea of what the cut-off grades were for fall 2010 in limited enrolment programs. These grades relate to high school applicants only and represent the prerequisite averages.

## BENCHMARKS

The following table includes the benchmarks, or cut-offs, for successful admission to Cambrian College's limited enrolment programs for fall 2010. The minimum averages displayed represent only final grades (not mid-terms) in the prerequisite courses for a particular program. The minimum grade is the mark required in each prerequisite subject.

PROGRAM	# APPLICANTS	# SEATS	MINIMUM GRADE	MINIMUM AVERAGE/GPA
Diagnostic Medical Sonography – Ultrasound	242	35	85% or A	95%
Medical Radiation Technology	606	35	80% or A	90%
Powerline Technician	331	24	80% or A	80%
Dental Hygiene	359	48	73% or B	75%
Paramedic	391	45	73% or B	73%
Medical Laboratory Technology	269	50	70% or B	70%
Practical Nursing	368	64	67% or C	70%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	366	96	60% or C	68%
Power Engineering Techniques	154	60	60% or C	65%

Wait lists for these programs were established with the strongest candidates who did not receive an offer of admission.



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