

# Performance-Based Admissions at Northeastern University

*Start your Fast App and let your performance pave the way*

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## WHAT IS PERFORMANCE-BASED ADMISSIONS?

In a world where practical skills and expertise are in high demand, graduate education is a valuable step for professionals looking to elevate their careers. Unfortunately, conventional admissions processes can sometimes stand in the way, creating obstacles that prevent capable individuals from continuing their education.

Performance-Based Admissions (PBA) takes a different approach by assessing candidates' current academic potential instead of depending on their past credentials.

For those seeking a degree that values practical experience, Northeastern's PBA offers an inclusive, flexible approach.

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## 3 BENEFITS OF PERFORMANCE-BASED ADMISSIONS

- 1. Removes Barriers:**  
PBA simplifies the admissions process by replacing traditional requirements with coursework that showcases potential, making graduate education more accessible to busy professionals.
  - 2. Fosters Diversity:**  
By valuing current skills over past academic performance, PBA welcomes learners from varied backgrounds and industries, creating an inclusive classroom experience.
  - 3. Boosts Success:**  
Performance-Based Admissions leverages real-world experience to better predict academic potential, providing a stronger foundation for student success.
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## HOW IT WORKS

Upon completing a Fast App, applicants receive a link to enroll in two required PBA courses (Pathway Courses). These courses are part of the program curriculum. Students who achieve a 'B' grade or better in both Pathway Courses will progress into the full degree or certificate program the next available term. The credits you earn during the Pathway Courses will be applied to your program.

*\*PBA eligible for select graduate programs only*