CERT to MSCS Admission Policy

This document outlines the admission policy and three available options for CERT students planning to apply to the MSCS program: regular admission, early admission, and conditional admission. This policy will be effective for students entering the CERT program in Winter 2024 or later.

In order to be admitted to the MSCS program from the CERT program, a student must achieve:

1. A GPA of at least 3.0 for all CERT courses (not including Boot Camp courses)
2. A grade of B- or better for all CERT courses (not including Boot Camp courses)

Regular Admission

Ordinarily students will apply for the MSCS program during their last quarter of the CERT program – Spring for the cohort beginning in Summer, or Winter for the cohort starting the previous Winter. Decisions will be made after grades are posted for the Spring (Winter) quarter.

Early Admission

Students may apply early to the program if they have:

1. Completed or begun at least four CERT courses (not including Boot Camp courses)
2. Earned a GPA of at least 3.3 for all CERT courses (not including Boot Camp courses)
3. Earned a grade of B or better for all CERT courses (not including Boot Camp courses)

The earliest a student may apply is during the quarter prior to their last quarter of the CERT program – Winter for the Summer cohort or Fall for the Winter cohort. Decisions will be made after grades are posted for the Winter (Fall) quarter. In this case the admit decision will be conditional on finishing the remaining CERT classes with a grade of B- or better and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

Conditional Admission

A student who has completed all six CERT courses with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and has earned a grade lower than B- in one CERT course may apply for conditional MSCS admission. If granted, the student must retake the course in question and achieve a grade of B- or higher within their first year in the MSCS program.

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