In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will be implementing certain changes in our admissions process for the Bishop State 2020-2021 Cohort ONLY.

We understand that receipt of some items may be delayed beyond the applicants’ control. We ask that applicants print the online application and sign it. Please make of copy of a current state ID or passport (with photo) and submit the application and copy of photo ID via email or mail by June 1, 2020.

Below you will find a list of the current changes in the process. Please note, other changes may be necessary due to the length of time that facilities must remained closed due to Federal and State Guidelines for Social Distancing.

1. Observation hours The minimum has been decreased to 25 hours. One setting will be acceptable.
   a. If the applicant currently has less hours, please submit the hours you have completed.
   b. We will extend the date for acceptance of these hours to June 1 to align with the current application deadline.
2. Proctored essay This year's essay will be administered online via Google Classroom and Zoom for proctoring.
   a. The current dates are as follows:
      i. April 7, 2020 @ 9:00 am
      ii. April 15, 2020 @ noon
      iii. April 23, 2020 @ 4 pm
   b. If you have not registered, please email the director at gwilliamson@bishop.edu. We will need to send you an email link to the classroom.
   c. If you do not have access to internet/computer, please email the director at gwilliamson@bishop.edu.
   d. We will hold the informational sessions via Zoom during these times as well.
   e. The Zoom meeting may also be used to proctor the essays as bandwidth allows.
   f. Essay questions will not be available prior to the date of your essay.
g. Those who applied in previous years will still need to complete this year’s essay process to ensure fairness to all applicants.

3. ACT or SAT scores greater than 5 years old will be accepted for applications.
   a. Should the applicant have no previous test scores, we are recommending the Residual ACT at the Bishop State Testing Center once it reopens.
   b. Should you submit old scores and have the opportunity to sit for an exam before the application deadline, we will consider whichever score is higher.
   c. Should the ACT be delayed past the application deadline, we will accept the scores as they are made available from ACT and/or the Bishop State Learning Center.
   d. CONTINGENCY PLAN: If the ACT/SAT is not available before the cohort is selected, we will assess admissions based on GPA and course load for each semester/quarter grades.

4. We realize that receipt of transcripts may be delayed as guidance counselors and advisors are also working from home.
   a. Please complete the transcript requests as soon as possible, all pre-requisite courses will need to have been completed by the end of Spring semester 2020.
   b. We will add transcripts to the application packets as we receive them, but we cannot delay the selection process indefinitely.

If you have further questions, please email the director, Dr. Gail Williamson, at gwilliamson@bishop.edu. This will prevent delays in response time.

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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