

CARE (Deemed to be University)

(Distinct Institution category)

Students Admission Process and Policies

1. Access and Transparency in Admissions

CARE is committed to ensuring equal access, transparency, and fairness in all admission-related activities. The University's admission portal, prominently displayed on the homepage, will provide prospective candidates with easy access to the enquiry form, online application form, Admission Prospectus, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Comprehensive information on entrance examinations—including syllabus, model question papers, eligibility criteria, application and admission procedures, reservation policies, fee structures, scholarships, important dates, counselling schedules, seat allotment procedures, and contact details of the Admission Office—will be made available through the prospectus and the official University website to support informed decision-making by applicants.

To assist applicants, the University will provide multiple support channels, including a user-friendly AI-enabled chatbot, email, telephone, and in-person helpdesk services. Trained admission counsellors will offer personalized guidance to help candidates understand programme offerings, eligibility, career prospects, and scholarship opportunities. CARE is committed to inclusivity, ensuring accessibility for differently-abled candidates through assistive technologies and dedicated support services.

All admission-related web pages and information will be reviewed and updated annually, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for each programme will be documented. A real-time admission monitoring system will track applications, conversions, and enrolments to support quality assurance, institutional audits, and regulatory compliance. The University will also adopt data-driven approaches for continuous improvement, analysing applicant demographics, conversion rates, and feedback to enhance the student experience. Transparent grievance redressal mechanisms will ensure that applicants' concerns are addressed promptly and fairly.

To further engage prospective students and parents, CARE will conduct periodic information sessions, webinars, and virtual open houses, providing in-depth knowledge about programmes, research opportunities, facilities, and career pathways. Through these comprehensive measures, CARE demonstrates its commitment to a transparent, equitable, and student-centric admission framework, fully aligned with UGC guidelines and best practices in higher education governance.

2. Admission Process for UG, PG & Ph.D Programmes

CARE will follow a merit-based, student-centric admission process for all programmes, fully aligned with UGC regulations and best practices in higher education governance. Admission to all programmes will be based on performance in the respective CARE Entrance Examinations. The University ensures fairness, transparency, and inclusivity, with selection based on entrance examination performance, academic credentials, and programme-specific criteria. Entrance examinations are conducted offline at multiple test centres across India, and candidates are provided with detailed guidelines regarding eligibility, syllabus, test format, duration, and reporting instructions.

Merit-based rank lists will be published on the University website to ensure transparency and accessibility. Selected candidates will be notified via email and SMS, along with instructions for document verification and counselling.

The entire admission process—including application verification, counselling, certificate verification, fee payment, and enrolment—is conducted in accordance with approved policies, applicable reservation norms, and UGC regulations.

2.1 Undergraduate (UG) Admissions

Admission to Undergraduate programmes at CARE will be carried out through programme-specific CARE Undergraduate Entrance Examinations or JEE. Candidates are considered for admission strictly based on programme eligibility and entrance examination performance, in accordance with institutional and regulatory requirements.

All specializations under the B.Tech, B.Arch, and B.Des programmes will be offered as four-year programmes, whereas all specializations under the BBA, B.Com, and B.Sc programmes will be offered as three-year programmes.

Programme-specific UG Entrance Examinations

For the purpose of UG admissions, CARE administers the following discipline-aligned entrance examinations:

1. B.Tech Programmes – CARE Undergraduate Entrance Examination for Engineering (CUEEE)
2. B.Tech Programmes (Lateral Entry) – CARE Lateral Entry Engineering Entrance (CLEEE)
3. B.Arch Programme – CARE Architecture Entrance Examination (CAEE)
4. BBA / B.Com Programmes (all specializations) – CARE Undergraduate Entrance for Management & Commerce (CUEMC)
5. B.Des Programme – CARE Design Entrance (CDE)
6. B.Sc. Visual Communication / B.Sc. Visual Merchandise (Innovative Visual Display) – CARE Visual and Creative Sciences Entrance (CVCE)
7. B.Sc. Computer Science Programmes (all specializations) – CARE Computer & Technology Entrance (CCTE)

Candidates for the B.Des programme will be required to appear for the CARE Design Entrance (CDE) along with an additional Design test as prescribed by the institution.

2.2 PG Admissions

Admission to all postgraduate (PG) programmes at CARE will be conducted in accordance with programme-specific eligibility and admission criteria, fully compliant with UGC regulations for Deemed-to-be Universities. All PG admissions will be based on valid entrance examination scores, such as CAT, CMAT, GATE, or respective Postgraduate Entrance Examinations conducted by CARE, in combination with the candidate's undergraduate academic performance. All specializations of M.Tech, MBA, M.Com, M.Arch, M.Des and M.Sc programmes will be offered as two-year programmes.

Programme-specific PG Entrance Examinations

1. M.Tech Programmes (all specializations) – CARE Engineering & Technology Entrance (CETE)
2. MBA / M.Com Programmes (all specializations) – CARE Management & Commerce Entrance (CMCE)
3. M.Arch Programme – CARE M.Arch Entrance (CMAE)
4. M.Des Programme – CARE M.Des Entrance (CMDE)
5. M.Sc. Computer Science Programmes (all specializations) – CARE Computer Science Entrance (CCSE)

Admission to M.Tech programmes across various disciplines will be based on a valid GATE score or CETE score, in combination with the candidate's undergraduate academic performance. Admissions to MBA and M.Com programmes will consider CAT, CMAT, or CMCE scores along with undergraduate academic performance. Admission to the M.Arch programme will be through the Postgraduate Entrance Test in Architecture (PGETA), GATE or CMAE, together with undergraduate performance. Admission to the M.Des programme will be based on CEED or CMDE scores, along with undergraduate academic performance. For Science postgraduate programmes, admissions will be conducted through the CARE Common Science Entrance (CCSE), with a weighted evaluation of undergraduate academic performance and entrance examination scores.

Candidates admitted through CETE, CMCE, CMAE, CMDE, PGETA, CEED and CCSE will not be eligible for stipends. However, candidates admitted through valid GATE, CAT, or CMAT scores will be eligible for tuition fee concessions, as per institutional norms. CARE will also facilitate and support GATE-qualified students in availing Central Government scholarships, wherever applicable.

Preference will be accorded to candidates with valid CAT, CMAT, GATE, PGETA and CEED scores, ensuring merit-based, transparent, and equitable admissions in compliance with UGC regulations applicable to Deemed-to-be Universities.

Beyond entrance examination scores, the selection process will include Group Discussions and Personal Interviews, conducted by the respective academic departments, to enable a holistic assessment of candidates.

2.3 Research Admissions for Ph.D Programmes

Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme must possess a Master's degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant discipline from a recognized University as per UGC norms. Admission will be based on performance in the CARE Research Entrance Examination (CREE), conducted by the University, followed by an interview. Candidates who have qualified in national-level eligibility tests such as UGC-NET (including JRF), CSIR-NET, GATE or equivalent examinations will be exempted from the entrance test, as per university norms. The University will offer a monthly CARE Fellowship to all full-time Ph.D. scholars across all academic streams. Candidates possessing valid GATE or UGC-NET / CSIR-NET qualifications will be entitled to receive an enhanced fellowship amount in accordance with the University's fellowship policy. Apart from the monthly fellowship, the University shall institute a Special Research Award for full-time Ph.D. scholars in recognition of their research publications in reputed and indexed journals, in accordance with the norms and guidelines prescribed by the University from time to time.

3. Eligibility Criteria

CARE strictly adheres to UGC-mandated eligibility norms for all undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG), and Doctoral programmes. Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) categories will be eligible for a 5% relaxation in minimum eligibility requirements, in accordance with Government of India norms. Programme-specific eligibility criteria, including academic qualifications, minimum marks, and any additional requirements, will be clearly stated in the University prospectus and on the official University website to ensure transparency and accessibility.

3.1 Undergraduate (UG) programmes

Undergraduate (UG) programmes at CARE, including all specializations of B.Tech, B.Des, B.Arch, BBA, B.Com, and B.Sc, will be offered in accordance with AICTE and UGC norms. The

minimum qualification for all UG programmes is a pass in 10+2 (Higher Secondary / Class XII) or an equivalent examination from a recognized board, including State Boards, CBSE, ISC or equivalent.

- 1) For B.Tech programmes, candidates must have studied Mathematics as a compulsory subject, along with Physics and Chemistry or Technical/Vocational subjects, at the 10+2 level.
- 2) For B.Arch programmes, candidates must have studied Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics at the 10+2 level and possess a valid NATA score, as prescribed by the Council of Architecture (CoA).
- 3) For B.Sc Computer Science (Internet of Things) programme, candidates must have studied relevant subjects, including Mathematics, at the 10+2 level. Other B.Sc programmes are open to candidates from any academic stream at the 10+2 level.
- 4) For B.Com and B.Com Computer Applications programmes, candidates must have studied Accountancy at the 10+2 level.
- 5) For the B.Des programme, candidates with a 10+2 qualification in any stream are eligible.
- 6) For the BBA programme, candidates from any academic stream at the 10+2 level are eligible.

3.2 Postgraduate (PG) Programmes

Admission to postgraduate programmes at the University will be conducted as per AICTE/UGC norms. Candidates seeking admission must possess a Bachelor's degree in the relevant discipline from a recognized university with the minimum qualifying marks as prescribed by the University.

- 1) For M.Tech programmes, candidates must possess a B.E. / B.Tech degree or its equivalent in the relevant engineering discipline.
- 2) For MBA programmes (all specializations), candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree in any discipline.
- 3) For M.Sc programmes, candidates must possess a relevant B.Sc or equivalent degree in the concerned subject area and for the M.Sc Computer Science programme (All

disciplines), candidates must have studied Mathematics either at the higher secondary (10+2) level or during their undergraduate studies.

- 4) For the M.Com in Computer Applications programme, candidates must possess a B.Com, B.Com (Computer Applications), or an equivalent undergraduate degree, with a background in commerce.
- 5) For the M.Arch programme, candidates must possess a Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) degree or an equivalent qualification recognized by the Council of Architecture or a competent authority.
- 6) For the M.Des programme, candidates must possess a full-time undergraduate degree following the 10+2+3 / 10+2+4 / 10+2+5 pattern from a UGC/AICTE-recognized University or Institution in Engineering, Science, Arts, Architecture, or Design.

3.3 Doctoral programmes

- 1) For admission to Ph.D. programmes in Engineering /Architecture disciplines, candidates must have completed a 10+2+4+2 pattern of study or an equivalent qualification, including a 10+2+5 year Integrated M.E./M.Tech. programme or an Integrated M.S. programme in Engineering in the relevant discipline as per UGC regulations.
- 2) For Ph.D. programmes in Non-Engineering disciplines, candidates must have completed a 10+2+3+2 pattern of study or an equivalent qualification, including a 10+2+5 year Integrated M.Sc. programme in the relevant non-engineering discipline as per UGC regulations.

4. Reservation Policies

CARE strictly adheres to the reservation policies prescribed by the Government of India, the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the University Grants Commission (UGC) for all undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D programmes. Reservations are implemented in accordance with the approved communal roster, including Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Caste Arunthathiyar (SCA), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Backward Class Muslims (BCM), and Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities (MBC/DNC). 10% reservation is provided for candidates belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) from the open category, as per Government of India norms. The University also extends reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) through additional supernumerary seats and provides special reservation for meritorious candidates under Sports and Cultural quotas. Reservation for transgender candidates will be implemented through exclusive seats in accordance with prevailing government guidelines.

In the event of non-availability of eligible candidates under any reserved category, the University will issue notifications through leading regional and national newspapers. After the stipulated admission period, any unfilled reserved seats will be treated as lapsed and filled strictly in accordance with applicable eligibility norms. Transparency in the admission process will be ensured through the publication of rank lists, maintenance of comprehensive admission records, periodic internal audits, and verification through external statutory audits.