

MA / TCP and TCP Admissions Application

UNIVERSITY of RHODE ISLAND

School of Education ~ Teacher Education Programs

For graduate students, certification is offered in these areas: Early Childhood (PreSchool–2), Elementary (1–6), Secondary (7–12), and Music (K–12). The School of Education also offers the following endorsements: Middle Level Education (5-8) and English as a Second Language. Adding one of these endorsements to your Certification area expands your employment possibilities in a competitive market. Please read the following information carefully; it is provided to ensure that your application is complete and receives the earliest possible consideration.

PREREQUISITES FOR APPLICATION ~ ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Academic Requirements:

Admission to the program is competitive among students who have obtained the specified academic standards.

Graduate Students: Graduate applicants must have a B.A. or a B.S. with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above. Those with a GPA of 2.5 or above *may* be considered with sufficient evidence of academic potential (i.e., graduate coursework, professional experience). Most Secondary Education MA/TCP applicants have a B.A. or a B.S. in the content area they hope to teach (i.e. English, Math, History, French, Biology, etc.). See “Classes Recommended” for more information.

Testing Requirements:

If undergraduate cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher, NO test scores are required at admission. If GPA is 2.5–2.9, students must submit passing scores on the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) with application: 179 on the Reading and Math sections and 177 on the Writing section (composite score of 535 with no score more than 3 points below the cut). Students are exempt from taking the PPST tests if they earned a combined 1150 or higher on their SAT (Math and Critical Reading sections only; minimum score of 530 on each); minimum ACT scores of 24 in Reading and 20 in Math; or a GRE composite score of 1100. Be sure to visit [New Test Scores Requirements](#) for important details about this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Submit application materials between **February 13 and April 2, 2012 (deadline)** to Mrs. Janet Deignan, Office of Teacher Education, 701 Chafee Building, on campus as follows: one copy of the new School of Education online Application Form, your PPST scores (or SAT / ACT / GRE exemption scores) *if required*, your BCI Check (more information in packet), and your college transcript(s). Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. **Interviews will be scheduled as soon as you can submit passing test scores, and the other required materials.** The last available week for interviews is April 3 to April 8th, 2012. Admission decision letters will be emailed as soon as you have been notified online by the graduate school.
2. Create an Admissions Portfolio (see specific instructions later in this document). Include a second copy of the SOE Application Form, your test scores if required, and your college transcript(s) in your portfolio. *Please bring your Admission Portfolio to your interview.*
3. In addition to submitting the School of Education Application, you must complete a *separate* Graduate School Application Form for admission to URI’s Graduate School. Please apply online at <http://www.uri.edu/gsadmis>. Elementary and Secondary applicants: Send—or deliver—two *official* copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a RI residency form (for in-state tuition) to Mrs. Marsha Mott at the School of Education Office, 705 Chafee, Kingston, RI 02881 by **April 2, 2012**. Other applicants, please visit the website above for specific instructions.

Classes Recommended Prior to Application

Graduate applicants are often juggling many responsibilities, and may not have the opportunity to take any classes prior to official acceptance into a program. When circumstances permit, however, MA/TCP and TCP applicants often choose to take classes as non-matriculating students prior to application in January, and in the spring semester while awaiting an admissions decision. To do so, you will first need to complete a Non-Degree Application Form available on-line at Enrollment Services: <http://www.uri.edu/es/>. You will then be assigned an e-Campus user name and password, and have the ability to enroll in classes on line.

Secondary Education MA/TCP Applicants: Typically, prospective applicants to the Secondary Education program are seeking certification in the major they completed as an undergraduate (Math, Spanish, Chemistry, English, etc.). Students who would like to complete the requirements in a given content area, and did not major in the area they wish to teach, however, are also welcome to apply. For these applicants, we recommend focusing on content requirements first, and then taking education classes prior to admission decision as time allows. Curriculum sheets that outline required content classes (Biology, History/Social Studies, English, etc.) are available at [Academic Specializations](#). First, do a preliminary match of your undergraduate courses to the curriculum sheet. Then contact the appropriate advisor (see below) to review your transcripts and confirm what content classes remain for you to take.

Suggested pre-admission classes for Elementary, Secondary, and Music Education applicants are listed below. If accepted into a program, these classes will count toward Certification Requirements.

Elementary	Secondary	Music
EDC 250	EDC 250	MUS 545
EDC 502 or 503	EDC 502 or 503	PSY 113
PSY 232 or HDF 200	EDC 512	(or equivalent)

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Music

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Summer and Supplemental Advising

If you have questions and are unable to reach an advisor above, please contact:

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URI School of Education Overview of Admission Decision Process

Applicants will be evaluated in the four categories (I-IV) below. To apply, applicants *must* have a score of 3 (meets the standard) or above in categories I and II.

- 1) Categories III and IV will be scored according to the portfolio and admission rubrics provided in this packet. Applicants who receive a score of 3 (meets the standard) or above on *each* of the criteria (A-D) in categories III and IV will be recommended for admission.
- 2) Those with an average score of 3 in categories III or IV will still be *eligible* for admission. Serious and/or multiple deficiencies in any of the criteria (A-D) in these sections, however, may result in program faculty using professional judgment to deny admission.
- 3) Applicants whose final score is below a 3 will *not* be recommended for admission.

I. General Academic Knowledge

Score:	3	4	5
Cum. GPA:	2.5—2.99	3.0—3.49	3.50—4.0

II. Test Results (Minimum admission cut scores are required for each test; see Testing Requirements)

Score:	3	4	5
_____ PPST	535-537	538-542	543-570
_____ SAT	1150-1119	1200-1274	1275-1600
_____ ACT	44-47	48-52	53-72
_____ GRE	1100-1149	1150-1224	1225-1600

III. Admission Portfolio (see Rubric for details)

- A. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- B. Academic Knowledge Base
(evaluated in Sections I and II above)
- C. Work Experience and Community Service
- D. Multicultural / Diversity Awareness

IV. Admission Interview (see Rubric for details)

- A. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- B. Academic Knowledge Base
- C. Work Experience and Community Service
- D. Multicultural / Diversity Awareness