

# Undergraduate Admissions Application

UNIVERSITY of RHODE ISLAND

## **School of Education ~ Teacher Education Programs**

Certification is offered in these areas: Early Childhood (PreSchool–2), Elementary (1–6), Secondary (7–12), Music (K–12), and Physical and Health Education (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 TO TEACHER EDUCATION:**

***Undergraduate applicants*** must be current students at the University of Rhode Island. The earliest an applicant may apply is January of his or her sophomore year (Music and PHETE students, see next page). Typically, students will have completed at least 39 credits by the time of admission.

***Transfer students*** must have completed 12 credits at URI by the end of the semester prior to admission.

Exception: Early Childhood Education students may apply while at CCRI through a transfer articulation agreement.

### **Academic Requirements:**

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

***All Undergraduates:*** A cumulative GPA of 2.5 (minimum). In addition, please note the following:

*Secondary Education applicants:* A minimum GPA of 2.5 in your content major (English, Math, etc.)

*Music Education applicants:* A minimum GPA of 2.5 in Music

Please refer to the next page for additional pre-requisites or recommended courses for your program.

### **Testing Requirements:**

All 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) or minimum ACT scores of 24 in Reading and 20 in Math. Be sure to visit [New Test Scores Requirements](#) for important details about this requirement, and how to register.

**BCI:** A BCI Check is required of all applicants. More information follows.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Submit *new online* School of Education Application between February 13 and April 2, 2012. Visit website: <http://www.uri.edu/hss/education/applicants/index.html> to access.
2. **Between February 13 and April 2, 2012**, bring application materials to Mrs. Janet Deignan, Office of Teacher Education, 701 Chafee Building, on campus: one copy of the School of Education online Application Form, your PPST scores (or SAT / ACT exemption scores), your college transcript(s), and your BCI. At this time, you will also sign up for an interview. **The deadline for submitting materials in April 2, 2012. 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
3. Create an Admissions Portfolio (see specific instructions later in this document). Include a second copy of the online SOE Application Form, your passing test scores, and your college transcript(s) in your portfolio. *Please bring your Admission Portfolio with you to your interview.*
4. Admission decision letters will be *emailed* to you by mid-April to allow time for you to register.

## Classes Required or Recommended Prior to Application:

	Early Childhood	Elementary	Secondary	Music	Physical & Health Education
<b>REQUIRED CLASSES</b>	PSY 113 HDF 200				C or above in: COM 100 WRT 101 KIN 270 BIO 121
<b>RECOMMENDED CLASSES</b>	EDC 102 EDC 250 EDC 312 HDF 203**	EDC 250 EDC 102 PSY 232 or HDF 200	EDC 250 EDC 102 PSY 113	MUS 235 PSY 113	

\*\* HDF 203 is a pre-requisite for HDF 301. Students should have *taken or be enrolled in* this class no later than the spring semester of application, or program completion date will be delayed.

### About Advisement

Undergraduate applicants remain in University College pending acceptance into a Teacher Education Program. Students interested in an education program are encouraged to meet with the appropriate education advisor in University College to plan ahead:

**Early Childhood Education:** Phyllis Penhallow [pcpen@mail.uri.edu](mailto:pcpen@mail.uri.edu)

**Elementary Education:** Dr. Sandy Hicks [sjhicks@uri.edu](mailto:sjhicks@uri.edu)

**Secondary Education:** Dr. Cornelis (Kees) De Groot [degrootc@mail.uri.edu](mailto:degrootc@mail.uri.edu)

**Physical and Health Education:** Stephanie Champlin [steph@uri.edu](mailto:steph@uri.edu)

**Music Education:** Professor Joe Parillo [jparillo@uri.edu](mailto:jparillo@uri.edu)

If accepted, students are then admitted into the School of Education, and will be assigned an education advisor in the appropriate program. Contact information is listed below. (Students will also keep their Arts and Science or CELS advisor for their second major.) Phone: 401-874-xxxx for numbers below.

#### Early Childhood

Dr. Susan Trostle Brand: [susant@uri.edu](mailto:susant@uri.edu) ~ 2426

Dr. Laura Harper: [lharper@mail.uri.edu](mailto:lharper@mail.uri.edu) ~ 4947

#### Elementary

Dr. Peter Adamy: [adamy@uri.edu](mailto:adamy@uri.edu) ~ 7036

Dr. Sandy Hicks: [sjhicks@uri.edu](mailto:sjhicks@uri.edu) ~ 5976

Dr. Anne Seitsinger: [anneseitsinger@uri.edu](mailto:anneseitsinger@uri.edu) ~ 4877

#### Secondary

**English:** Dr. Diane Kern: [dkern@uri.edu](mailto:dkern@uri.edu) ~ 9490

**Foreign Languages:** Dr. JoAnn Hammadou: [joannh@uri.edu](mailto:joannh@uri.edu) ~ 4712

**History/Social Studies:** Dr. David Byrd: [dbyrd@uri.edu](mailto:dbyrd@uri.edu) ~ 5484

**Math:** Dr. Cornelis (Kees) de Groot: [degrootc@mail.uri.edu](mailto:degrootc@mail.uri.edu) ~ 4149

**Sciences:** Dr. Jay Fogleman: [fogleman@mail.uri.edu](mailto:fogleman@mail.uri.edu) ~ 4161

#### Music

Professor Joe Parillo: [jparillo@uri.edu](mailto:jparillo@uri.edu) ~ 2431

#### Physical and Health Education

Dr. Lori Ciccomascolo: [lecicco@uri.edu](mailto:lecicco@uri.edu) ~ 5454

### Summer and Supplemental Advising

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

Mrs. Annie Kammerer: [agkammerer@uri.edu](mailto:agkammerer@uri.edu) ~ 5252

## 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

<b>Score:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cum. GPA:</b>	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)

<b>Total (composite) Score:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
_____ <b>PPST</b>	535-537	538-542	543-570
_____ <b>SAT</b>	1150-1119	1200-1274	1275-1600
_____ <b>ACT</b>	44-47	48-52	53-72
_____ <b>GRE</b>	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