



Touro University - California

Office of Admissions

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Touro University – California College of Education. Included with this letter, you will find an Application for Admission, Education Options sheet, and Frequently Asked Questions. You should already have received a College of Education brochure and various other information designed to help you in determining which of our programs is right for you.

The College of Education employs a rolling admissions cycle and it is to your advantage to submit application materials in a timely manner. As listed on our website, one or more examinations and other prerequisites are required prior to enrollment in the College of Education, **though it is important to note that many of these items are not required to qualify for an interview and be accepted.** Candidates accepted into the College will receive assistance in completing remaining requirements. Complete information regarding admissions requirements and procedures may be reviewed by visiting our website, www.tu.edu, and clicking on Prospective Students, then on College of Education. Once all required materials are received, candidate files are reviewed by the Admissions and Standards Committee. Eligible candidates will be invited to interview via U.S. mail or e-mail once this review is complete.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- A non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$50.00 must accompany your application. Checks should be made payable to Touro University – California and should be mailed to Touro University – California, College of Education Admissions, 1310 Johnson Lane, Vallejo, CA 94592. Applications received without the application fee will be returned unprocessed.
- For your convenience, the Application for Admission may be completed online, then printed from our website at www.tu.edu. Click on *Prospective Students*, then on *College of Education*.
- It is strongly suggested that questions regarding your application, including status checks, be made via e-mail to jlee@touro.edu. Inquiries may also be made via telephone at 1-888-652-7580 but preference will be given to e-mail inquiries.
- **Please make sure to identify yourself as an applicant to the College of Education in all written correspondence, voice mail, and e-mail.**

The following items must accompany your Application for Admission:

- Unofficial or official copies of transcripts from each college or university attended, showing completion of a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally institution. (Official transcripts will be required prior to the start of classes)
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals knowledgeable about your character, personal and academic abilities, and potential for success as a teacher.

Again, we thank you for your interest in becoming a student of the College of Education at Touro University – California.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Haight, Ed.D.
Director of Admissions

Important Notice: The Office of Admissions strongly advises that all candidates review all information found on the program's website, www.tu.edu, prior to their interview. All material submitted by applicants who are not accepted for admission is destroyed three months after receipt. Information gathered is used solely for assessing applicant qualification and is neither shared nor transmitted outside the offices of Touro University.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Early Advising

Q. What is Early Advising? How does Early Advising benefit me?

A. Early Advising is a term used to describe certain key portions of the admissions process for the College of Education. Due to the wide variety of options available (e.g. credential, MA., or a combination) and the number of admissions requirements (both University and State), candidates can feel overwhelmed. The process begins when candidates are permitted to make a non-binding choice of the program option they wish to pursue and culminates post-interview as an advisor works with the student to develop a plan whereby the student can complete all necessary requirements and exams prior to the start of classes.

Students who decide during the advising process that they wish to make a change with regards to the program option they chose are permitted to do so.

Q. I read somewhere that the admissions process for the College of Education has been “streamlined”. What does this mean?

A. As mentioned above, a variety of requirements can make the application process seem overwhelming. To help mitigate some of the stresses associated with this process, the College of Education requires only three items to qualify to be considered for an interview and acceptance – the Application for Admission, two letters of recommendation, and official or unofficial transcripts showing that a Bachelor’s Degree has been or will be completed prior to the start of classes. Students accepted into the program will receive assistance from an advisor to develop a plan to satisfy remaining State and University requirements prior to the start of classes.

General Information

Q. What is the mission of the College of Education?

A. The College of Education aims to promote social justice by serving the community and larger society through the preparation and continuous support of professional educators to meet the needs of a constantly changing, challenging, and diverse student population.

Q. What credential options are offered by the College of Education?

A. The College of Education currently offers coursework leading to a Single Subject Teaching Credential, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, or an Education Specialist Teaching Credential (Special Education).

Q. I already have my credential or I do not wish to obtain a credential. Does the College of Education offer an advanced degree?

A. Yes. The College of Education offers coursework leading to a Master of Arts Degree in Education with variety of emphasis to meet your needs.

Q. Can I obtain both a Teaching Credential and a Master of Arts in Education degree?

A. Yes. Students pursuing the Single Subject Teaching Credential or the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential have the option of extending their course of study to include a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Teaching and Learning.

Students pursuing the Educational Specialist Teaching Credential have the option of extending their course of study to include a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Special Education.

Q. How many units/credits are required?

A. The Single Subject, Multiple Subject, and Education Specialist Teaching Credential programs (without the MA option) consist of 36 units (22 classroom units and 14 fieldwork units). Students completing the MA option in conjunction with a credential will complete an additional 12 units beyond that which is required for the credential alone. Students enrolled in the Master of Arts program (without pursuing a credential) will complete 32 units.

Q. Where are classes held?

A. Classes are held on the Mare Island campus of Touro University – California as well as in classrooms in public schools in Solano County. Fieldwork experiences are held in the elementary, middle, and high schools in various locations, primarily in Solano and Napa Counties.

Q. When do classes start?

A. The College of Education offers several start dates for the academic year. Applicants are encouraged to meet with a College of Education representative to determine which start date is best for them.

Q. Is it possible to teach/work at least part time while attending the College?

A. Some College of Education programs may be completed while simultaneously working as a teacher or in another profession. All programs require availability for practicum hours, which vary by program. Concurrent employment must not interfere with program requirements. Specific questions about the viability of this option should be directed to Marina Fata, Credential Analyst for the College of Education, via email to marina.fata@touro.edu.

Admissions Process

Q. What are the requirements to apply to the College of Education?

A. Requirements for admission vary depending upon the program option being pursued. For a full list of requirements, please visit our website at www.tu.edu.

Q. How can I apply to the College of Education?

A. Those interested in applying to the College of Education may do so by requesting an Application for Admission from Ms. Julie Lee, Admissions Assistant, via email to jlee@touro.edu. The Application for Admission may also be accessed via our website, www.tu.edu, by clicking on *Prospective Students*, then on *College of Education*.

Q. What is the application process?

A. An application packet, consisting of the Application for Admission, two letters of recommendation, and official or unofficial transcripts, will be reviewed by the Admissions and Standards Committee. Eligible candidates will be invited to attend a personal interview. Not all applicants will qualify for an interview and an interview does not guarantee acceptance into the program. As previously mentioned, candidates accepted into the program will receive assistance in completing remaining requirements, which are listed on our website (www.tu.edu).

Q. How can I check the status of my application?

A. Application status checks should be directed to Ms. Julie Lee, Admissions Assistant, via email to jlee@touro.edu.

Q. Is there an admissions deadline?

A. Touro University – California utilizes a rolling admissions cycle and applications will be processed until it is no longer feasible for a candidate to secure an interview date. Those who submit their application materials in a timely manner tend to have an advantage over those who wait until the last minute.

Financial Aid

Q. What is the cost of tuition?

A. Tuition for the College of Education is currently \$330.00 per unit and is competitively priced when compared to most programs.

Q. Is financial aid available for those attending the College of Education?

A. Yes. The nature and type of financial aid available will vary by individual. Candidates who have questions regarding financial aid may contact the Financial Aid Office via email at tucafinaid@touro.edu. Financial Aid requires completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and all applicants are encouraged to complete the form on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Touro University – California's school code is 010142.

Campus Tours

Q. How can I schedule a tour of the campus?

A. Tours of the campus are typically conducted Monday through Thursday, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Please contact the Office of Admissions at (888) 652-7580 to determine if a tour is being given on the day you wish to visit the campus.

Accreditation

Q. Is the College of Education accredited?

A. Yes. Touro University – California (TU-C) is located in Vallejo, California. Effective February 18, 2005 regional accreditation has been transferred from the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSCHE) to the Accrediting Commission on Higher Education for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). With the successful transfer of TU-C to WASC, institutional approval through the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) is no longer required.

In April 2000, the MSCHE approved the College of Education's Teacher Credentialing Program. In 2001, the BPPVE granted institutional approval for graduate certificate programs for Multiple and Single Subject teaching credentials and degree programs including Master of Arts in Education. In June 2004, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved the teacher certificate programs in Multiple Subject and Single Subject. In August 2004, MSCHE acknowledged the Master's programs in Education. In January 2005, the CCTC approved the Teacher Credentialing Program in Special Education.

Why Touro University – California?

Q. Why should I attend the College of Education?

A. With a distinct "hands-on" learning approach and a strong emphasis on classroom experience, the College of Education provides relevant and rigorous preparation. Local educators are included as faculty instructors, which provides "real world" instruction and experience. Students will graduate from the College of Education with the skills necessary to become effective teachers and educators for a diverse and dynamic California student population.