

Pitt Education

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

DEADLINES:

Deadlines vary by program; however, international students must apply a minimum of six months prior to the desired start term. Specific information regarding dates can be found on the School of Education website, specifically, on the admission requirements page for the program to which you are applying. Direct questions to: soeinfo@pitt.edu or 412.648.2230.

ADMISSION MATERIALS MUST INCLUDE:

- The completed application for admission (available [online](#))
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50 (U.S.) by credit card
- Official transcripts from **every** institution previously attended, sent directly to the School of Education from the institution(s) attended.
 - Transcripts may be sent electronically to soeinfo@pitt.edu or mailed to the School of Education Admissions and Enrollment Services, 5500 Posvar Hall, 230 South Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.
 - Courses taken or degrees earned from the University of Pittsburgh after 2008 do not need to be sent; our office can obtain University of Pittsburgh transcripts internally.
- Applicants who have completed the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree at an institution outside of the United States are required to provide official third-party evaluations of those academic credentials. These evaluations must be completed by an accredited organization. We recommend using either World Education Services Inc. (www.wes.org) or International Education Research Foundation, Inc. (www.ierf.org). Please note, third party evaluations must come directly for the organization directly to School of Education.
- Official score report from ETS for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with a minimum score of 550 on the written test, 213 on the computer-based test, or 80 on the internet-based test, or a minimum Band score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). This is required of all applicants whose native language is not English, and/or who have not completed an academic degree from a college or university in the United States where the method of instruction is English. The TOEFL Institution code for the University of Pittsburgh is 2927; the department code for education is 85. IELTS results should be mailed directly to our office: 5500 Wesley Posvar Hall, 230 South Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.
 - **Please note:** Certain programs in the School of Education may require a higher TOEFL/IELTS score than the University of Pittsburgh minimum. Therefore, we recommend checking your specific program's admission requirements to confirm you meet the minimum English Language Proficiency for your program.
- A statement of career goals and degree objectives, 2-3 pages double-spaced in length (can be uploaded as part of the online application)
- Three letters of recommendation (see online application for electronic letters of recommendation.)
- A resume or curriculum vita (can be uploaded as part of the online application)

Information Regarding Student Visa Document

The Office of International Services (OIS) is responsible for issuing your visa document (I-20 or DS-2019). In order to allow for sufficient processing time, if you are accepted, you must accept your offer of admission to the School of Education by the following deadlines: Fall – May 1; Spring – October 1; Summer – February 1.

- **Please note:** OIS will contact you directly regarding the student visa process

Additional Requirements for Applicants to PhD Programs Only:

- A professional writing sample in the form of a previously completed term paper, master's thesis, article, etc., that does not exceed 20 pages in length (can be uploaded as part of the online application).
- GRE scores are required for all international PhD applicants.

Additional Information Regarding Pennsylvania Teacher Certification (MAT Program):

- International students may only apply for the Foreign Language teacher certification program.