Application Checklist

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Personal Essays

Complete a statement of purpose and the following short answer questions:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** Write a personal statement that describes your interest in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and purpose for becoming a teacher. Share what you believe are important aspects of your personal, family, professional, cultural or academic background that may aid the admission committee in understanding your interest, qualifications and motivation for becoming a teacher. (500 words or less)

2. **Short Answer Essay:** Explain how your values align with the mission of the USC Rossier School of Education and the ways you plan to contribute to our academic and professional community. (250 words or less)

3. **Optional Essay:** Use this space to provide additional context for consideration as we evaluate your application, such as addressing any deficiencies or other conditions you feel may be important in the review of your application. If you believe your application materials represent you fairly, you should not feel obligated to answer the optional essay.

Résumé

Upload a CV or résumé tailored to applying to a graduate program in the field of education.

Financial Aid

Apply for financial aid as early as possible by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at FAFSA.ed.gov. USC's school code is 001328. You can also access our Financial Aid Checklist Online.

☐ Transcripts

Official electronic transcripts (highly preferred due to expedited processing and delivery time) must be secured with a digital certificate/ signature that ensures authenticity and sent to applicationservices@rossieronline.usc.edu for upload.

Request official, sealed transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended (including any community college coursework or study abroad).

Please have your transcripts mailed to:

> University of Southern California (USC)
> Application Processing Center
> USC Rossier
> PO Box 30096 024-003
> College Station, TX 77842

Letters of Recommendation

Request two letters of recommendation through the online application. References should be either academic or professional.

Credentialing Exams

In order to apply to USC Rossier, you are required to submit official documentation that you have satisfied the basic skills requirement. In order to be eligible to register for classes at USC Rossier, you are required to submit one of the following forms of proof that you have satisfied the subject matter requirement no later than the enrollment deadline. Once you have passed your exams, forward the confirmation email that you receive to applicationservices@rossieronline.usc.edu. If you have already taken a subject-specific subtest, submit your passing scores.