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1) Bachelor’s Degree

2) 3.0 GPA

3) Interest in working with elementary school children and receiving a Professional Educator License (PEL) with an elementary endorsement (grades 1-6) allowing you to teach self-contained grades 1-6. LU CHOICE teachers can be placed in grades 1-8. Those teaching 7th or 8th grade must also teach 6th grade in order to meet licensing requirements.

4) Willingness to participate in a spiritual formation program.

5) Commitment of 2 years

6) The requirements listed below are to be met after being admitted to the program. It is not necessary to complete these at the time of application.

- Participants must meet the undergraduate requirements for Illinois state certification in elementary education. If a participant is lacking in an area, he/she will have to take (an) additional course(s) at the participant’s expense. This is completed during the 2nd summer of the program.
  - http://www.luc.edu/education/graduate/teacher-prep/general-education-requirements/

- Participants are not required to take the GRE or Praxis exams.

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**Application Instructions**

**Application**

- The LU CHOICE application is completed online and can be found at. [https://gpem.luc.edu/apply/](https://gpem.luc.edu/apply/)

**Instructions for completing the online Application**

- Program to which you are applying:
  - LU CHOICE Elementary Education MEd – It is extremely important that you select this program,
  - LU CHOICE Elementary Education MEd, from the program drop down list.
  - Do not select Elementary Education MEd, as that is a different program at Loyola.
• Failure to do so may result in your application being misfiled and therefore not considered.
  
• Desired term of entry: 2021 Summer 1 semester
• Intended enrollment status: Full time

Statement of Purpose
  
• Follow the instructions for the LU CHOICE program only. (the online application may not be updated so the prompts are included below).

Recommendations
  
• It is strongly suggested that you have your letters of recommendation be submitted online to gradapp@luc.edu.
• When requesting an online submission please copy and paste the guidelines from the information below. This can be included in the section that allows you to add a personal note in the references section.

Last Steps
  
• Are you planning on applying for any type of financial aid?
  
  o Check no.

Items to be included:
  
  o Official Transcripts – send to
    Graduate & Professional Enrollment Management
    Loyola University Chicago
    820 N. Michigan Ave.
    Lewis Towers, Suite 800
    Chicago, IL 60611

  o Resume – submitted online.

  o Statement of Purpose – submitted online. (prompts are included below).
    • Length: 2 pages per section
      • Double spaced
      • Typed, 12pt Font
      • 1 inch Margins

  o Letters of Reference – submitted online.
    • There is no set format for letters of reference. However, please follow these guidelines:
      • Letters should be one page.
      • Please do not include more than three letters of reference.
      • Email and phone number of the reference should be included in the signature of the letter.
Submission Instructions

- **Deadline**
  - The completed application and all materials *MUST be received by:* February 8, 2021.

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*Online submission
- Completed Application
- Statement of purpose which addresses three sections
- Resume
- 3 Letters of Reference

*Sent to Loyola
- Official Transcripts

Interview Anticipation Instructions

- **Interview Date:** March 6th.
  - Interviews are for selected candidates only
- Please begin to secure the time and resources you need to come to Chicago for an interview.
- Face to face interviews are preferable.
  - Skype/google hangout/factime/zoom can be set up.
- Notification of acceptance usually begins shortly after interviews.

Program Start

- Summer school starts on Monday, June 21 and orientation is on June 19th.

Statement of Purpose

For LU CHOICE Applicants Only

Please write a narrative of one to three pages

Use the questions below to assist you in writing your statement of purpose.

Describe your motivations to be an elementary school teacher. Include the following in your answer:
- What experiences have you had with elementary-aged children?
- Have you participated in teaching related activities? (Coaching, mentoring, tutoring, teacher assistant, teaching)
- Describe experiences you may have had that have influenced you to pursue teaching in a Catholic school as part of the LU CHOICE program.
- Describe your life experiences which have influenced your view of social justice and why social justice is a vital aspect of preparing to teach in Catholic Schools.

Review the Loyola University Chicago and Greeley Center mission statements.
- How do your personal values and beliefs relate to the mission of Loyola University Chicago and the Greeley Center?

**Loyola University Chicago Mission**
We are Chicago's Jesuit, Catholic University-a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith.

**Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education Mission**
As a Jesuit Center, we work to expand faith, justice, and learning to advance the vital ministry of Catholic education.