

# 2023

## LU-CHOICE Application Packet

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LU-CHOICE

**Contact Information**

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## Requirements

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- 1) Interest in working with elementary school children, in a Catholic School, 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 teach in grades 1-8. Those teaching 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade in order to meet licensing requirements.
- 2) Willingness to participate in a spiritual formation program.
- 3) Commitment of 2 years
- 4) Admittance into the Graduate MED program at Loyola University Chicago.
- 5) The requirements listed below are to be met after being admitted to the graduate 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 2<sup>nd</sup> summer of the program. For a list of these requirements please see out [handbook](#) P. 6-7.

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

## Instructions

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### **Application Instructions**

#### **Step one: Complete the Graduate School Application**

- Persons interested in being considered for the LU CHOICE program must complete the graduate school application for the **Elementary Education MED**. This is completed online and can be found at **<https://gpem.luc.edu/apply/>**

Most of the information needed by LU CHOICE will be obtained from your Loyola University Chicago Graduate School application. Therefore, the LUC graduate application must be completed first, and **acceptance into the graduate program verified when applying to LU CHOICE**.

However, the LU CHOICE office needs one additional item. Email is the preferred method of submission. (see step 2 below).

**\*\*In order to be interviewed for the LU CHOICE program you must have been accepted into the graduate program.**

#### **Step Two: Essay to be submitted for the LU CHOICE Program.**

**Please write an essay of one to three pages.**

Use the questions below to assist you in writing your LU CHOICE Essay.

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.

### **Essay Submission Instructions:**

The essay must be received by February 13.

Essay must be emailed to Lee Hubbell, [lhubbel@luc.edu](mailto:lhubbel@luc.edu)

### **Interview Anticipation Instructions**

- **Interview Dates:** March 18.
- Notification of acceptance usually begins shortly after interviews.
- ***In order to be interviewed for the LU CHOICE program you must have received notification of acceptance into the Graduate MED program.***

### **Program Start**

- Summer school starts on Monday, June 19.

### **Information Session: March 2**

Topic: LU CHOICE Info Session

Time: Mar 2, 2023 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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**Interview Information: March 18**

Topic: LU CHOICE Interview  
Time: Mar 18, 2023 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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