

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:** Describe your interest in the teaching profession and your purpose for becoming a teacher. Also, explain why you think this program is the best fit for you given what you know about [the mission of the USC Rossier School of Education](#) and the MAT online program. Finally, share your future career plans and any other aspects of your personal, family, professional or academic background that might aid the admissions committee in understanding your interest, qualifications and motivation for becoming a teacher.

2. **Short Answer Questions (Pick One):**

Multiple Subject: Describe your preparation for entering the teaching profession (e.g., undergraduate content courses, teaching content, tutoring content, mentoring youth).

Single Subject: Describe your interest in your chosen discipline (e.g., Secondary Math, Secondary Social Science, Secondary English or Secondary Science) and your preparation in this discipline (e.g., undergraduate content courses, teaching content, tutoring content, mentoring youth in this content area).

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](https://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.

Subject Matter Test Registration or Scores

You must provide proof of passage or registration for the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and for at least one of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) subtest in your concentration area. Once you have registered, 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.