

Application Checklist

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:

Personal Statement

Your personal statement, comprised of three 500-word responses, will give you the opportunity to provide an in-depth look at your background and professional goals, as well as showcase graduate-level written communication skills.

1. Discuss your interest in the EdD program and how you believe it will help you reach your short- and long-term professional goals. In what ways do you hope or expect to contribute to the academic and professional community at USC Rossier?
2. Given the Rossier mission, and considering your personal, educational, and employment background, in what ways do you hope or expect to contribute to bringing about equitable outcomes in your organization or field?
3. Choose a problem relevant to your field of practice. As an leader, discuss what kind of information you might need in order to address this problem and why that information is necessary and relevant to the problem you have identified.

Optional essay:

Please discuss any circumstances in your educational or employment background that you wish the admissions committee to consider and for which you did not find an opportunity to explain in the application such as a low GPA or an employment gap. This essay is optional. (250 words or less)

If you believe your three essays and application materials represent you fairly, you should not feel obligated to answer the optional essay. You may, however, use this space to address any deficiencies or other conditions you feel may be important in the review of your application.

Résumé

Upload a CV or résumé.

Financial Aid

Apply for financial aid as early as possible by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. USC's school code is 001328.

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION:

Required Assessment

Applicants are required to submit one of the following three assessments:

- The EdD Writing Assessment
- A valid score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- A valid score on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- All GRE or GMAT scores should be sent to USC Institutional Code 4852.

Transcripts

You may submit electronic transcripts if the document is secured with a digital certificate/signature that ensures authenticity.

Request official, sealed transcripts from all post-secondary 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 three letters of recommendation through the online application. References should be either professional or academic.