

Seattle Pacific University Graduate Application



"Seattle Pacific University seeks to be a premier Christian university fully committed to engaging the culture and changing the world by graduating people of competence and character, becoming people of wisdom, and modeling grace-filled community."

Seattle Pacific University Mission Statement

Engaging the culture, changing the world.



SPU Graduate Application Checklist

In order to complete your graduate application, please include the following:

- Application
- \$50 application fee (\$75 application fee for the Clinical Psychology and Organizational Psychology programs)
- Personal statement
- Résumé
- Official college transcript(s)
- Confidential financial statement (international students only)
- TOEFL scores (international students only)

IN ADDITION, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR THE PROGRAMS NOTED BELOW:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

TESOL or Sports and Exercise Leadership

- Professional or academic recommendation letter (1)
- Personal reference letter (1)
- GRE or MAT test scores

MFA

- Recommendation letters related to writing ability (2)
- Academic recommendation letter (1)
- Manuscript (10 pages of poetry or 25–30 pages of prose, depending on intended focus)

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

MBA

- Professional recommendation letters (2)
- GMAT test scores

ISM

- Professional recommendation letters (2)
- GRE or MAT test scores

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Professional recommendation letters (2)
- Professional or academic recommendation letter (1)
- GRE test scores
- Interview
- Current Washington State RN License
- Proof of undergraduate statistics course
- Documentation of active nursing practice within the last two years (NP applicants)

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

- Professional (from a person who is in a related field) recommendation letter (1)
- Personal recommendation letter (1)
- Academic recommendation letter (1)
- GRE or MAT test scores

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- Copy of most current teaching certificate, if applicable (front and back)
- OSPI Character and Fitness Supplement (MAT, ARC, and School Counseling only)
- SPU Personal Fitness Policy (School Counseling and MAT only)
- Route identification form (ARC only)
- GRE or MAT test scores
- WEST-B test scores (MAT and ARC)
- WEST-E test scores (MAT and ARC)

Non-doctoral degree students (two recommendation letters)

- Supervisor recommendation letter (1)
- Professional or academic recommendation letter (1)

Doctoral degree students (four references)

- Professional recommendation letters (2)
- Academic recommendation letters (2)

SPU Graduate Application

APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application, along with school transcripts, the personal statement essay, examination scores, and recommendations will be considered when evaluating your application to Seattle Pacific University. To help us get an accurate picture of your academic and personal qualifications, please respond clearly and completely to each of the following questions.

An admission decision cannot be made until all required admission materials are submitted to the program for which you are applying. A complete application includes recommendations, official transcripts, test scores, a personal statement, and a résumé. A checklist can be found on the previous page.

SCHOOL AND PROGRAM OF INTEREST

College of Arts and Sciences

- Sport and Exercise Leadership (M.A.)
- TESOL (M.A.)
- Creative Writing (M.F.A.)

School of Health Sciences

- Nursing (M.S.N.)
- Nursing Practitioner Certificate (Post Master's)

School of Psychology, Family, and Community

- Clinical Psychology (Ph.D.)
- Marriage and Family Therapy (M.S.)
- Medical Family Therapy Certificate (Post Master's)
- Organizational Psychology (M.S.)
- Organizational Psychology (Ph.D.)

School of Education

- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
- Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
Choose a specialization for Curriculum and Instruction program
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Teaching and Learning (Online)
 - Reading and Language Arts
- Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)
- School Counseling (M.Ed.)
- Masters of Arts in Teaching (Elementary/Middle or Secondary)
- School Counselor's Certification (Post Master's) (E.S.A.)
- Principal's Certification (Post Master's)
- Superintendent's Certification (Post Master's)

School of Business and Economics

- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Information Systems Management (M.S.-I.S.M.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please select an entry quarter and year:

- Autumn Winter Spring Summer
- 2005 2006 2007 2008

Have you received information from SPU in the past?

- Yes No

Have you ever applied for admission to SPU? Yes No

Have you previously attended SPU? Yes No

If yes, when did you last attend? _____

How did you hear about Seattle Pacific University and the program to which you are applying?

- Friend Internet advertising Graduate programs open house
- Internet search Conference Graduate fair
- Newspaper ad Radio ad Other

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name

Prefix _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Preferred First Name _____ Former Name _____

Permanent Address

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country (if other than U.S.) _____

Mailing Address

Mailing Address (if different from permanent address) _____ City _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country (if other than U.S.) _____

Contact Information

Daytime Telephone No. (_____) _____

Evening Telephone No. (_____) _____

Cell Phone No. (_____) _____

International Telephone No. (_____) (_____) _____

Email Address _____

TESTS

Test scores are valid for up to five years. Please contact the testing agency and request test scores be sent directly to:

Seattle Pacific University
 The Graduate Center
 3307 Third Avenue West, Suite 111
 Seattle, Washington 98119-1922

Was your baccalaureate degree earned at an institution where English was the primary language of instruction?* (Optional)

Yes No

Please provide any additional name(s) under which your program tests were taken. _____

ACCEPTED SPU GRADUATE PROGRAM TESTS*

		GRE	MAT	GMAT	WEST-B	WEST-E
College of Arts and Sciences	Sport and Exercise Leadership	✓	✓			
	TESOL	✓	✓			
	MFA (Creative Writing)	<i>(does not require test scores.)</i>				
School of Business and Economics	MBA			✓		
	ISM	✓		✓		
School of Education	All programs	✓	✓			
	ARC	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Master of Arts in Teaching	✓	✓		✓	✓
School of Health Sciences	All programs	✓				
School of Psychology, Family, and Community	All programs	✓	✓ (MFT Only)			

TEST INFORMATION

If you have received your test results, please indicate your scores. (Please give the scores from the most recent exam only.) Please indicate the date you completed the test, or the date you anticipate taking the test.

GRE Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____ Total _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

MAT Total Score _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

GMAT Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Writing _____ Total _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

TOEFL* TOEFL score _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

Test Type: Electronic Paper

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for international applicants whose primary language is not English.

WEST-B Passing Mathematics score _____ Passing Reading score _____ Passing Writing score _____ Total _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

WEST-E Subject _____ Qualifying score _____ Anticipated Date _____ Completed Date _____

Additional Test Name and Scores _____

*International applicants whose primary language is not English must submit TOEFL scores.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please list your two most recent places of employment (list most recent first). *Note: The School of Business and Economics requires the equivalent of a minimum of one year's full-time continuous work experience (at least two years preferred).*

Company/Institution _____
Institution Name City State/Province

Job Title or Duties _____ Dates of Employment _____
Date Started (month/year) End Date (month/year)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Please see attached list for recommendation requirements for the school to which you are applying.

Note: The MFA in Creative Writing program and The School of Education non-doctoral degree programs do not require a specific form to be completed by the person giving a recommendation.

Please send letters of recommendation to:

Seattle Pacific University
The Graduate Center
3307 Third Avenue West, Suite 111
Seattle, Washington 98119-1922

Personal Statement and Additional Information

Applicants must present a typed personal statement. Select your program to complete the following section:

- Sport and Exercise Leadership
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- MFA in Creative Writing
- School of Education
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Psychology, Family, and Community
- School of Business and Economics

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Sport and Exercise Leadership (M.A.)

Describe your most important professional goals. Describe the reasons for your interest in pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Sport and Exercise Leadership at Seattle Pacific University. Describe the experiences that have prepared you to pursue this degree?

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages TESOL (M.A.)

In a typed narrative (not exceeding two pages), provide responses to the following questions. The quality of your essay is a consideration in the admission decision.

- Describe your career objectives for the next 5-10 years.
- Specifically, identify the ways in which you expect SPU's MA-TESOL program will help you to achieve these goals.
- SPU is a university committed to Christian faith and values. The development of ethical sensitivity is an integral part of the school's mission. Describe how your personal faith/philosophy of life has influenced your career goals. Explain the ways in which you expect to further develop your faith/philosophy of life as a result of studying in SPU's MA-TESOL program.

Creative Writing (M.F.A.)

Submit an essay discussing your development as a writer and as a person of faith. Your completed essay should be approximately 3–4 pages in length, double-spaced. The quality of your presentation in response to these questions is a consideration in the admission decision.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Complete the following:

Have you had any criminal convictions in the last seven years? Yes No

Have you been convicted of any gross misdemeanor in your profession? Yes No

If you answered YES to either of the conviction questions, please provide an explanation.

Doctoral (Ed.D.)

Provide a personal statement describing future professional plans and goals. This should not exceed 300 words and should also include the rationale for pursuing a doctoral degree.

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

Address the following areas relative to your decision to pursue a teaching career: your personal strengths, your knowledge of the subject to be taught, your interest/experience in teaching, your ability to be a positive role model for students, and your leadership skills. Incorporate any previous experience working with adolescents in a school or other setting.

All Other School of Education Programs

Describe your personal and professional goals and how you believe your study at Seattle Pacific University's School of Education can help you attain these goals.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Complete the following:

- Are you a registered nurse in Washington state? Yes No
- Are you a registered nurse in another state? Yes No
- Are you a registered nurse in the U.S. Military? Yes No
- Have you taken a college-level statistics course? Yes No

If yes, where taken: _____ If no, plan to take on: _____
month/year

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

Provide a personal statement of professional and leadership goals describing your potential for success in a master’s-level, leadership-focused program of study and practice specific to the Seattle Pacific University mission statement and the School of Health Sciences Mission statement.

SPU Mission Statement:

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SHS Mission Statement:

“As a community of scholars, the School of Health Sciences seeks to educate and prepare students for service and leadership in nursing. We are committed to evangelical Christian faith and values and to excellence in teaching and scholarship for the intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth of students as learners and practitioners.”

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

Complete the following:

- Have you had any criminal convictions in the last seven years? Yes No
 - Have you been convicted of any gross misdemeanor in your profession? Yes No
- If you answered YES to either of the conviction questions, please provide an explanation.

Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT)

Applicants must submit a typed personal statement. Present a succinct statement that provides an accurate indication of writing and grammatical skills. Generally, statements should be three to four pages in length. The personal statement should address a) career objectives; b) rationale for seeking the degree and choosing to attend; c) personal interest in marriage and family therapy; d) professional and personal strengths as they apply to the mental health profession; e) related volunteer or work experiences; f) the way in which personal and professional life experiences have converged to motivate application to the MFT graduate program; and g) other insights as deemed appropriate by the applicant.

Clinical Psychology (Ph.D.)

Applicants must submit a typed personal statement. Present a succinct statement that provides an accurate indication of writing and grammatical skills. Generally, statements should be three to four pages in length. Address career objectives, rationale for seeking a degree in clinical psychology, and why you choose to attend SPU. Mention your professional and personal strengths as they apply to the mental health profession, related work experiences, personal values, religious background, or any other insights deemed appropriate by the applicant.

Organizational Psychology (M.A. and Ph.D.)

Applicants must submit a typed personal statement. Present a succinct statement that provides an accurate indication of writing and grammatical skills. Generally, statements should be three to four pages in length. Address career objectives, rationale for seeking a degree in clinical psychology, and why you choose to attend SPU. Mention your professional and personal strengths as they apply to the mental health profession, related work experiences, personal values, religious background, or any other insights deemed appropriate by the applicant.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

In separate typed narratives, answer the following questions. The quality of your presentation in response to these questions is a consideration in the admission decision. Your completed three-question essay should not exceed four pages total, double-spaced.

MBA program

1. Describe your work and non-work (civil, social, church) experiences, if any, in which you have a responsibility for: financial performance; leadership and supervision; planning and policy formation. Indicate which one of these experiences has been most personally gratifying and why.
2. Describe your career objectives for the next 5-10 years. Specifically identify the ways in which you expect SPU's graduate program to assist you in realizing these goals. Explain ways you can contribute to your fellow students as they seek to realize their goals?
3. SPU is a community committed to Christian faith and values. The development of ethical sensitivity is an integral part of the school's mission. Describe how your personal faith/philosophy of life influenced your career goals? In what ways do you expect to further develop your personal faith/philosophy of life as a result of studying in SPU's graduate program?

MS-ISM program

1. Describe your work and non-work (civil, social, church) experiences, if any, in which you have a responsibility for: planning, development, and management of information systems and technology; leadership and supervision. Indicate which one of these experiences has been most personally gratifying and why.
2. Describe your career objectives for the next 5-10 years. Specifically identify the ways in which you expect SPU's graduate program to assist you in realizing these goals. Explain ways you can contribute to your fellow students as they seek to realize their goals?
3. SPU is a community committed to Christian faith and values. The development of ethical sensitivity is an integral part of the school's mission. Describe how your personal faith/philosophy of life influenced your career goals? In what ways do you expect to further develop your personal faith/philosophy of life as a result of studying in SPU's graduate program?

Personal Statement

Seattle Pacific is an academic, social, and Christian community with expectations which serve as guidelines for membership in the community. These expectations include a standard of personal health, moral integrity, and social conscience derived from the University's Christian commitment.

Acknowledging that not all students share the University's Christian commitments, out of respect for community standards, all graduate students are required to abstain from alcohol, drugs and tobacco, and illegal, immoral, or disruptive activities while on campus or while involved in University-related activities.

I hereby make application for admission to the indicated graduate program at Seattle Pacific University, having completely and truthfully answered the preceding questions. If admitted, I agree to abide by the aforementioned expectations of the University.

By signing below I indicate my awareness that a routine background check may be part of the application process and that deliberate falsification of any admissions information or documents is grounds for non-admission to, or dismissal from, Seattle Pacific University.

Signature