Checklist for U-ACT Program Application

Applications for the 2021-2022 cohort of U-ACT teacher candidates will begin to be accepted as early as February 1, 2021. The Program recommends that interested individuals apply sooner rather than later. However, priority applications are accepted through May 17, 2021, and then the final deadline is June 14, 2021, or until the program is full.

All materials will be submitted through the Graduate School online application. If there are documents you’re unable to upload to your application, please email them to edinfo@uw.edu

| **Online Application to Graduate school** | [https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/](https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/)  
Click on "create a profile" under "New Applicants."  
Select: Education - Seattle (MIT - University-Accelerated Certification for Teachers) as the program you’re applying for. |
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| **Resume** | A current academic and professional resume or vita is required including:  
● educational degrees;  
● professional experience;  
● listing of all relevant awards, publications, presentations, or other achievements |
| **Personal Goal Statement** | Please submit a 1-2 page personal goal statement that addresses the prompt (see the end of this document). |
| **Letter of Intent to Hire** | Given that the U-ACT Program is an alternative route 4 program, teacher candidates must be hired as full-time teachers-of-record to be fully accepted. Please submit a letter/documentation from a school/district of their intent to hire for the 2021-2022 academic year. *If you are not yet hired by a school/district at application time, please note this in your application.* |
| **2 letters of recommendation** | Detailing academic potential, leadership, collaboration, adaptability, and/or any teaching experience(s) |
| **Unofficial transcripts from all schools attended** | Unofficial transcripts should be uploaded in the online application. |
| **Secondary Endorsement Evaluation Form** | *This form is completed ONLY for those individuals seeking a Secondary Endorsement.*  
Please see the details and directions on the College of Education website:  
[https://education.uw.edu/programs/teacher/endorsement-master-teaching-applicants](https://education.uw.edu/programs/teacher/endorsement-master-teaching-applicants) |
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| **Basic Skills Test Requirement ***** | Applicants must take (no passing standard is set as this is a diagnostic assessment) all 3 subtests (reading, writing, and math) of either the WEST-B or any approved alternatives (e.g. SAT or ACT). Score reports must be uploaded to the U-ACT application or official scores should be sent to the UW.  

Contact Student Services Score Report (319-337-1270) for ACT ($13 if you tested after 9/1/16, $38 if you tested before 9/1/16). For SAT call 866-756-7346 and use UW school code #4854 ($12 plus $31 archive fee). Review acceptable ACT/SAT scores: [http://assessment.pesb.wa.gov/basic/west_b-alternative](http://assessment.pesb.wa.gov/basic/west_b-alternative)  

For more information on this state-required test, please visit: [https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants/teacher-assessments](https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants/teacher-assessments) |
| **Content Knowledge Test Requirement ***** | WEST-E/NES tests (in the content area of the endorsement an individual teacher is seeking) must be completed prior to enrolling in coursework. Applicants who have taken these tests prior to application are highly preferred. Passing the tests prior to enrollment is not required, but highly preferred. Passing the tests by the end of the program is required.  

Official score reports should be sent to the UW (please note that score reports take up to 1-month to arrive at the UW). Unofficial score report(s) can be uploaded to the application as we wait for official score reports to be submitted to the UW.  

For more information on this state-required test, please visit: [https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants/teacher-assessments](https://www.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants/teacher-assessments) |

*** Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, all testing centers remain closed and/or with limited seating until further notice and safety precautions allow for them to reopen. Applications to the U-ACT Program can still be submitted if tests have not been completed yet. They will be required for program completion. Please note in your application if you are unable to complete the testing requirements given the closed testing centers at this time.

**Personal Goal Statement Prompt:**
Successful U-ACT applicants demonstrate strong knowledge of subject matter content knowledge, a passion for teaching traditionally underserved populations, and an interest in issues of social justice. Draw upon your personal experiences and qualities to explain your interest in becoming a teacher.

- Explain your views on the role of education in society and your reasons for wanting to enter the teaching profession.
- Describe how your educational background and your educational experience working with youth have influenced your interest in teaching.
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- Indicate how your talents, skills, and experiences might contribute to the UW College of Education community (may include: diverse cultural experiences, family background, extracurricular activities, accomplishments, career goals, life and work experiences, obstacles you have overcome, special talents, etc.).