

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION USING ADOBE ACROBAT READER (NOT "PREVIEW," IF YOU ARE ON A MAC). SAVE A COPY OF THE APPLICATION WITH YOUR NAME AS THE FILE NAME (Ex.: samuelschmucker.pdf) **BEFORE** YOU BEGIN COMPLETING THE FORM.

**Personal Information**

Provide the requested information. If you have not yet declared a major provide the name of your first-year advisor. For Education Advisor, choose the faculty member who has been assisting you or the name of the person who has been formally assigned as your advisor.

**Section 1: Completed Introductory Coursework**

In this section you should indicate how you met the various curricular requirements that must be satisfied prior to admission. These include successfully completing two education courses (Education 199 and Education 201) with a grade of C or better; completion of a writing course and a course in British or American literature; and two math courses. Notes:

- Both Education 199 **AND** Education 201 must be completed before you can be admitted to the program; other courses in the certification sequence may **NOT** be completed until admission has been approved;
- If you received test credit or transfer credit to satisfy Gettysburg College's first-year writing requirement, it can be used to meet this requirement for certification; a score of 600 or higher on the SAT I (verbal) section also can be used here;
- You can substitute a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement English exam in Literature & Composition for your British or American literature requirement; transfer credits may also count;
- Scores of 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus (AB or BC) or AP Statistics exam may be substituted for at least one math course; a score of 560 or more on the SAT II (Level 2) exam can also be used to satisfy one math course requirement.
- Transfer credits may be used to satisfy the math requirement; any course meeting the QIDR requirement of the Gettysburg Curriculum (see the **Registrar's webpage**) can also be used. ECON 104 may also be used in place of one required math course.

**Section 2: Clearances**

Please note that all clearances must be completed and active before admission will be granted. Clearances expire 60 months after the date of completion. Once you have completed all of your clearances, **you must have your application signed in this section by Kathy Ambrose ([kambrose@gettysburg.edu](mailto:kambrose@gettysburg.edu)) or a member of the faculty in order for your application to be processed.** For more information on clearances, click [here](#).

**Section 3: Basic Skills Examination**

Before you can be admitted, you must demonstrate basic verbal, math, and writing skills to PDE that evidently cannot be demonstrated by passing courses in writing, literature, and math at the College level. To do this you can either enter acceptable scores on the SAT or ACT or you can sign up to take the PAPA exam. If you filed your SAT or ACT scores with Gettysburg College upon matriculation, you do not need to order additional score reports.

**Section 4: Essay**

Your essay should explain why you seek admission to the Teacher Education Program and what you hope to accomplish as a teacher. You can copy and paste text from a word processing program but note that space is limited.

**Section 5: Verification & Certification**

Sign your application to indicate acceptance of the statements in this section.