

## APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW (Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction)

Please note that there are general admission requirements set by the Graduate School and specific requirements for each program. The following must be completed before your application can be considered by the Graduate School and the College of Education and Human Development.

More details and explanations of application items listed below are provided on the program website at <https://louisville.edu/education/degrees/phd-ci>. The list below is intended to serve as an overview of the documents needed to apply for admission to the Ph.D. program in Curriculum and Instruction.

1. Complete the **Online Graduate Application for Admission** (<https://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application>) even if you are currently enrolled in a University of Louisville graduate program.
2. **Three letters of recommendation** from persons familiar with your background as a graduate student or as a professional are required. These letters must be different from previous recommendations to other programs because they must specifically address your qualifications for the doctoral program. Letters of recommendation may be completed electronically via the Online Graduate Application for Admission.
3. Submit a **writing sample** by preparing an academic essay (no more than 4 pages, double-spaced, not including references) that provides a clear statement about your initial research interest(s) and goals and information about an educational problem or issue that drives you to pursue a Ph.D. degree. Additional details about the content of the essay can be found on the program website.
4. **Students for whom English is not their primary language** must show English language proficiency by successfully completing the IELTS examination, the TOEFL examination, or the Duolingo English Test unless they have a previous degree from a US institution. Scores should be sent to the University of Louisville Graduate School.
5. Send **transcripts from each college or university attended** other than the University of Louisville (undergraduate and graduate) to the University of Louisville Graduate school.
6. Submit a **Statement of Purpose**. The Statement of Purpose should be 2-3 pages (double-spaced) in length and address the applicant's interest in doctoral study, intentions with regard to full-time or part-time study, and identification of at least one faculty member who may be a good fit to serve as the Ph.D. advisor. Additional details about the exact content of each part can be found on the program website.
7. Provide a current **resume or curriculum vita**. Along with other relevant information, please include the following in the resume or curriculum vita: an email address and phone number, educational background, professional employment history, courses taught or professional development delivered, scholarly/professional writings and creative activities, active involvement and leadership in professional and community activities, and professional and academic honors and recognitions.