

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

General Information

Tusculum College understands the needs of working adults who are interested in pursuing the concentrated educational enrichment represented by a graduate degree, but who must also continue to meet personal and professional commitments. The College offers a graduate degree: the Master of Arts in Education (MAED). Classes are taught by Tusculum College faculty with academic and practical backgrounds in their respective disciplines. A maximum time limit of five years will be allowed for the completion of the program. Students who leave the program for any reason and re-enroll must meet all requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

Graduate Admission Requirements and Procedures

Decisions for admission are made by the Graduate Committee and are based on previous academic records, performance on recognized examinations, work experience, an acceptable written explanation of desire to enter the program, and recommendations of individuals qualified to judge the student's potential for graduate college work. Tusculum seeks students who are mature and highly motivated. Applicants should complete or satisfy the following admission requirements and procedures:

1. Complete an application.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
3. Possess a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. (2.75 for K-12 concentration) attained in the last 60 hours of course work.
4. For MAED (Curriculum and Instruction concentration) applicants, possess either a valid teaching license or a passing score on the general test of the National Teacher's Exam (NTE)/ PRAXIS II.
5. Submit a resume which reflects at least 3 years of:
 - teaching experience for MAED Curriculum and Instruction
 - professional-level work and/or training experience for MAED Organizational Training and Education and HRD curricula
6. Submit recommendations from two persons (non-relatives) qualified to judge the applicant's capacity for graduate level work.
7. Applicants for whom English is a second language must furnish a score of 550 (paper), 213 (computer-based), 80 (Internet-based) or greater on the TOEFL examination taken within the last five years.

Provisional Acceptance

Students not meeting the minimum requirements for regular admission may be granted provisional acceptance. Provisional acceptance may be granted upon Graduate Committee review of the following: (a) the writing sample, (b) work experience, (c) recommendations, and (d) extenuating circumstances. If a student is provisionally accepted, he/she will not be allowed to continue in the program if a grade of "C" or below is received for any course during the first semester. If a student remains in good standing throughout the first semester, he/she will be permitted to continue the program under the same conditions as students who are accepted under full admission standards. New applicants requiring Graduate Committee Review will be asked to provide a cold writing sample of 1-2 pages in length within a 30-minute time limit.