

ADULT UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Standard Admission Requirements - REACH

The standard requirements for admission to REACH course work, no matter how many credits are transferred from other institutions, are as follows:

- Minimum age 23 OR age 21 with two years of work experience before beginning coursework
- For those with no prior college, proof of high school graduation or GED certification is required
- Original transcripts from all previous college/university study indicating a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (using 4.0 scale)
- One pastoral letter of recommendation assessing professional abilities, character, and capacity for university-level study is required for Christian Ministries majors only
- A score of at least 71 on the Internet-based, 560 on the written, or 132 on the computer-based Test for English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam by applicants for whom English is not their first language
- A passing score on the writing placement test

Applicants who do not fully meet the admissions requirements are considered if there are factors that point to probable success. This decision is made by the Admissions Committee.

Admission for Those Transferring Fewer than 15 Semester Credits

Applicants seeking admission with fewer than 15 college credits may take only lower-division (100- 200) courses. Students must complete at least 3 credits toward the English composition requirement within the first year of coursework in the program.

Admission to Upper-Division Courses

Beyond the general admission requirements, additional requirements to any upper-division courses include the following:

- Completion of at least 25 transferable credits from an accredited college or university or from Trinity for which a grade of "C" or better was received and an overall 2.0 on a 4.0 scale ("C" includes C, C+)
- Completion of at least 3 credits in college composition with a "C" or better
- Completion of IDS 105R Foundations for Adult Learning—a REACH course

Admission to REACH Majors

Majors In addition to the general admission requirements, a student entering the major cohorts must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of at least 25 transferable credits from an accredited college or university or from Trinity for which a grade of "C" or better was received and an overall 2.0 on a 4.0 scale ("C" includes C, C+)
- Completion of at least 3 credits in college composition with a "C" or better
- Completion of REACH composition course when applicable as determined by writing placement test
- Completion of IDS 105R Foundations for Adult Learning—a REACH course

Computer Expectations

Incoming students are expected, at a minimum, to be able to use a personal computer for writing and formatting papers, corresponding via e-mail, and doing basic searches for information on the World Wide Web. Access to a personal computer, printer, and the Internet is expected and necessary in all courses. Although computers, printers, and the Internet are available in computer labs in both Deerfield and South Chicago, it is strongly recommended that all students use their own equipment to complete weekly assignments.

Writing Placement

REACH is a writing-intensive program. Students are expected to achieve a level of writing competence early in their Trinity experience to excel in their studies. In an effort to ensure the success of all students, a computerized writing evaluation will be administered by the REACH admissions staff for students who do not meet all of the following criteria:

- Have 15 or more college credits (technical credits are not considered in meeting this criterion)
- Have been enrolled in school within the last five years • Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 from previous college work
- Have completed English Composition 1 and 2, or the relevant equivalents, achieving a minimum grade of B-

The results of the writing assessment will determine what, if any, writing course(s) students will be required to complete with a "C" or better within the first 24 credits of the REACH program. If students have met all their writing general education requirements and achieve a satisfactory score on the assessment, no further writing courses will be required. If, however, the score is below the determined level on the assessment, students will be required to take the course(s) most appropriate to their level, regardless of whether all general education requirements have been met.

Application Process

Prospective students are encouraged to start the application process early. Incoming students should be registered two weeks prior to the start of class. (Our admissions staff is available to help you with any of these steps.) The application process is as follows:

- Complete the online application (<http://reach.tiu.edu/admissions/apply>).
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended by the applicant to Admissions Operations. Student copies and faxed or hand-delivered copies that are not in an envelope sealed from the sending institution are not considered official and will not be accepted for admission purposes. Please send all required

admissions pieces to: Trinity International University Admissions
Operations 2065 Half Day Road Deerfield, IL 60015

- For those with no prior college, a photocopy of high school diploma or GED is required.
- Christian Ministries majors: Submit one pastoral recommendation that will be used to assess your character, and academic and professional traits. Recommendations from family members or friends will not be accepted. The character recommendation request is included in the online application for admission.
- A passing score on the writing placement test (see above, "Writing Placement"). Appointments should be made with an admissions counselor to complete this assessment.
- If English is not your primary language, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam. A score of at least 71 on the Internet-based, 560 on the written-based, or 132 on the computer-based TOEFL is required for admission to the program. If you score below this requirement, you are expected to complete an intensive course in English as a foreign language at one of the many recognized language centers throughout the country before being considered for admission to the program.
- Upon completion of all admissions requirements, REACH Admissions will evaluate your application packet for admission. You will then be notified of your admission status.
- If you are offered admission, confirmation of your acceptance of admission is required. A nonrefundable Confirmation Fee, payable to Trinity International University, must be received to confirm your acceptance of admission and intent to register. At this time you will also confirm your course schedule.
- Although not required for admission, you are strongly encouraged to complete the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. The FAFSA is available online and should be completed as early in the admission process as possible since some types of aid are available only at certain times of the year. More details are provided in the financial aid section.

Confirming your admission

If you are offered admission, confirmation of your acceptance of admission is required. A nonrefundable Confirmation Fee, payable to Trinity International University, must be received to confirm your acceptance of admission and intent to register. At this time you will also confirm your course schedule. Submit the \$50 enrollment deposit. (https://tiu_forms.formstack.com/forms/trinity_online_deposit)