



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Return application to: Teacher Education Department, USM, Teacher Education Department, 500 Bailey Hall, Gorham, Maine 04038-1088

TEACHERS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS (TEAMS) CURRENT USM STUDENT ADMISSION APPLICATION

(NOTE: Additional Application Information, Instructions, and Priority Filing Dates on Reverse)

Please Type or Print Clearly

1. Name LAST, FIRST 2. Maine Street ID #

3. Permanent Address STREET, CITY & STATE, ZIP CODE

Local Address STREET, CITY & STATE, ZIP CODE

4. Daytime Telephone # 5. E-Mail Address

6. Semester and year for which you are applying: o Fall semester, 20 o Spring semester, 20

7. Number of college credits you will have completed before the beginning of your first semester in TEAMS:

8. Intended/Current USM Major (or undeclared)

9. List one or two individuals from whom we will receive a letter of recommendation commenting on your interaction with children in educational settings and/or your interest in and potential to be an effective teacher.

Name Address Telephone Position/ Relationship

10. On a separate sheet, provide a statement describing your experience working with children and interest in becoming a teacher.

11. An integral part of the TEAMS program is our collaborative work with our partner school sites in southern Maine. It is a requirement of the program that you be able to work at some of these area schools.

My signature below verifies that the information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide substantiation or documentation if requested by the University, and authorize TEAMS admissions representatives to access admissions documents and academic records available to the USM Admissions Office.

Signature Date

About the Teachers for Elementary and Middle Schools (TEAMS) program:

TEAMS is an undergraduate level elementary and middle school (K-8) teacher certification program. Please consult the appropriate TEAMS brochure for more detailed information about the program philosophy, requirements, and curriculum. The TEAMS program may be completed in a minimum of 4 ½ years total of full-time study. Transfer students must spend a minimum of 3 ½ years at USM to complete all of the program's education course requirements. Students who are interested in secondary education (grades 7-12), or who do not at this time meet the criteria listed below, may contact the USM College of Education Admissions and Advising Office at 128 School St., (207) 780-5306, for more information about the Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) for K-8 or 7-12 certification.

TEAMS is not an academic major; students in the program pursue an academic major along with TEAMS education courses, USM CORE courses, and other electives. Students must meet USM's proficiency standards in math and English, through either SAT scores, transfer credit, or testing, before formally joining the program.

Acceptance Criteria:

Successful TEAMS applicants exhibit the following qualities:

- Experience working with school aged children
- Commitment to, and motivation for, teaching and learning
- Strong academic background (overall B average in high school and any prior college work, including USM courses in progress)

Application Instructions

This form is intended for use by current USM students who wish to transfer into TEAMS. Current USM students should submit this form, accompanied by the response to question 10, by the following deadlines:

March 1 for fall admission

November 15 for spring admission

Current students are strongly encouraged to meet with an academic advisor in the CEHD Admissions and Advising Office before applying to TEAMS. Our advisors can assist you in evaluating the various options for K-8 teacher certification at USM and help you select courses to meet TEAMS program requirements.

If you are not a current USM student, you must apply for admission to USM by submitting a USM Application for Undergraduate Admission (on-line, paper, or adult version). A TEAMS admission decision is separate from the USM admission decision. You can apply to TEAMS by listing "TEAMS" or "Elementary Education" as your first choice intended major on the USM application. Your application will then be reviewed for TEAMS admission criteria in addition to general USM admission. You should also list an accompanying liberal arts or science major (or undeclared) as your second choice major.

For more information: Contact the Teacher Education Department at 780-5301

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