

The seal of Valparaiso University is a circular emblem. It features a central torch with a flame, set against a background of a large, stylized letter 'V'. The words "VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY" are written in a circular path around the top of the seal. At the bottom, the year "1859" is prominently displayed, flanked by two small stars. The entire seal is rendered in a light gray, watermark-like style.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE DIVISION

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We welcome your application for admission to the Graduate Division of Valparaiso University. The mission of the Graduate Division is to serve the advanced learning, professional development, and personal enrichment needs of individuals nationally and internationally. The Graduate Division admits students that demonstrate the ability and motivation to succeed in an academically challenging environment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be considered for admission, ALL applicants must provide:

- This application form completed and signed.
- \$30 application fee for US Citizens (\$20 application fee for students apply to one of our Dual degree programs).
- Official transcripts of all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework. If you have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Valparaiso University, you are not required to submit an official transcript from Valparaiso University.

IF YOU PLAN TO SEEK A MASTERS DEGREE OR POST-MASTERS CERTIFICATE...

Check the program to which you are applying and not the *additional* requirements:

Program	2 Letters of Recommendation	Reflective Essay	Supplemental Application	Copy of RN License	EXAM	Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST Scores)
<input type="checkbox"/> MA in English Studies & Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MA in Chinese Studies (including Teachers Track)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/MA in Chinese Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> MA in Liberal Studies (MALS)*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/MA in Liberal Studies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> MS in International Commerce & Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/MS in International Commerce & Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> MS in Sports Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/MS in Sports Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> MS in Nursing Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Post-MSN Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> BSN to Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> MS in Nursing (MSN)/MBA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> GMAT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Education, LEAPs, Initial Licensure or Teaching & Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> GRE	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> M.Ed/Ed.S in School Psychology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> GRE	
<input type="checkbox"/> MA in Community Counseling or Clinical Mental Health Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/Clinical Mental Health Counseling (JD/CMHC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual JD/Psychology (JD/MA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

*If you checked the MALS degree or MALS Post Graduate Certificate, please indicate which area of concentration you have chosen:

- English Ethics & Values Gerontology History
- Human Behavior & Society Individualized Other (please specify topic area): _____
- Theology/Theology & Ministry (includes Deaconess Track)

IF YOU ARE NOT SEEKING A DEGREE...

Check the category that applies to you and note the additional requirements:

Program	2 Letters of Recommendation	Reflective Essay	Supplemental Application	Statement from Adviser/Principal	Copy of Teaching License	Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST Scores)
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate Programs*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> MALS Post Graduate Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Management Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Certificate for Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Certificate for Nursing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Studies & Principles Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> TESOL Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Certification, Transition-to-Teaching**, or Addition of Content Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> ****	<input type="checkbox"/> ***
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Educator			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Student				<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/> General Non-Degree Student						

** Transition-to-Teaching requires 3 Letters of Recommendation.

*** Necessary only for those individuals seeking a first-time teaching license.

**** License is required for content area applications only.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Former Name

Home Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

_____ Day Phone (circle: home or office) Cell Phone Fax Number Email

_____ Social Security Number Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Gender: Male Female

US Citizen (including Permanent Resident): Yes No; if no, in what country are you a citizen? _____

Race (Optional):

- Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No
- Are you from one or more of the following (please check all that apply):
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Island White

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College/University	Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Credits Earned
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			
5. _____			

NOTE: Official transcripts of all college work must be received before you will be allowed to take graduate courses at Valparaiso University.

List recognitions, awards, or scholarships that you have received, or co-curricular or community/civic activities in which you have been involved.

Have you ever been dismissed or placed on academic probation at Valparaiso University or another academic institution?

- No Yes; If yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- A. Anticipated year/term to begin: 20____ August (Fall) January (Spring) May (Summer)
- B. Full or part-time plans: Full (9 or more credits) Part (8 or fewer credits)
- C. Expected course schedule: Day Evening Both

If you are seeking a degree or a certificate, in how many years or semesters do you plan to complete the program?*

* NOTE: Most programs require completion within 5 years of admission.

Valparaiso University admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation or (as qualified herein) religion, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation or (or as qualified herein) religion in administration of its educational policies, admissions, policies, scholarship and loan programs, career services and placement, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Valparaiso University is an institution committed to its Lutheran traditions. The University reserves the right to promote the teachings of the church and to exercise preferences in admissions in favor of Lutherans.

IV. EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND (If you have professional experience, include your resume with this application.)

Name: _____ Job Title/Description: _____

Work Phone Number: (____) _____ Work Address: _____

May we contact you at work? Yes Prefer Not

Will you receive employer reimbursement? Yes No Don't Know

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No Yes; if yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.

NOTE: Some states have restrictions on licensing or professionally credentialing an individual with a criminal record.

V. SELECTION OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

How did you learn about Valparaiso University? (check all that apply)

- College Adviser Valpo Alumni Professor Recruiter
- Relative/Friend Religious Organization Printed Material Reference Material
- Internet Site (which site) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Please list other graduate schools you are considering or to which you are applying:

Order the factor(s) (1 = most important) that will affect your choice for graduate school (rank all that apply).

_____ Reputation _____ Accreditation _____ Program of Study _____ Good Value for Cost

_____ Location _____ Other (please specify) _____

VI. REFLECTIVE ESSAY

All applicants, except professional educators, visiting students, and general non-degree students, are required to submit a two-page personal statement or reflective essay indicating their purpose for undertaking graduate study and how this study relates to their professional and personal goals. This statement must be typed double-spaced on separate sheets and submitted with the application materials. Please note that the supplemental application for some degree programs provides further instructions for the personal statement.

The decision for admission to the Graduate Division is not final until all required application materials have been received. Applicants granted conditional permission to register for classes may not be allowed to continue their coursework if they do not satisfy the admission requirements.

"I submit this application as a true and complete statement of facts for your consideration."

Signature of Applicant Required

Date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. OFFICE USE ONLY.

APPLICATION APPROVED: _____

SENT TO COMMITTEE: _____

APPLICATION DENIED: _____

DEAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED: _____

DATE: _____



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PART II: SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM

Specific graduate programs require applicants to submit a supplemental application form along with the basic application. In this supplemental form, you are (1) requested to provide additional information, and/or (2) provided with more specific instructions regarding information requested on the basic application form.

1. NAME: _____
2. Do you have a current teaching license? Yes No If yes, which state? _____
3. Did you ever have a teaching license? Yes No If yes, which state? _____
4. Were you ever eligible to apply for a teaching license, such as at the time of completion of your bachelor's degree?
 Yes No If yes, which state? _____
5. If seeking admission to a degree program, please indicate degree and concentration:
 - Master of Education (M.Ed.):
 - Teaching & Learning
 - Special Education: (Mild Intervention Needs LD, MIMH, E/BD)
 - Elementary Middle Secondary
 - Leading to Initial Licensure:
 - Early Childhood Middle/Adolescent Secondary
 - Master of Science in Special Education (MSSE):
 - Special Education Endorsement (Mild Intervention Needs LD, MIMH, E/BD)
 - Elementary Middle Secondary
6. If not seeking a degree, please indicate your purpose for seeking admission to graduate study in education:
 - Initial Licensure Without a Graduate Degree:
 - Early Childhood Middle/Adolescent Secondary
 - Adding Endorsement:
 - Special Education Endorsement (Mild Intervention Needs LD, MIMH, E/BD)
 - Elementary Middle Secondary
 - Reading Endorsement
 - Adding Junior High/Middle School Endorsement
 - Other (e.g. Physical Ed., Art, History, etc.) _____
 - Renew or Professionalize Current License: Currently active elementary or secondary educators may take courses without formal admission to degree-seeking status provided they do not intend to use the credits towards a degree, initial licensure, or to add a special education or reading endorsement to a current license.
7. Non-Degree Programs:
 - Personal Enrichment
 - Visiting Student (credits transferred to another institution)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

The Office of Graduate Studies, Kretzmann Hall Room 116, 1700 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Upon receipt of all admission materials, the Committee on Admissions for the graduate counseling programs will review the file. The applicant will be notified in writing of the committee's decision. Questions should be addressed to the Office of Graduate Studies at 219.464.5313 or 1.800.821.7685.