

WARNER SCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Do I need to be admitted to begin taking classes?

A. No. You can begin taking classes in any semester without first applying to the school. We call this status “non-matriculated.” You may wish to take a class before applying to “get your feet wet” in a program, or to get a jump-start on your program while you assemble your application. Additionally, there are students who take a course or two of particular interest to them who do not intend to pursue a degree at all. If you are planning to apply to a program, we recommend that you take no more than three classes prior to admission. However, if you are interested in a degree program, you should talk to admissions or a faculty member.

Q. How do I register for classes as a non-matriculated student?

A. Contact our Registrar’s Office to receive registration materials, or print them from the Student Services area of the Warner School web site. Additional questions can be addressed by calling the registrar’s office at 585-273-3383 or by emailing crys.cassano@rochester.edu.

Q. Do I need to take the GRE exam to apply to a Warner School program?

A. No. We do not require any entrance examinations as part of the application to the Warner School, with the exception of the TOEFL exam for applicants whose first language is not English. If you have taken the GRE already and wish to submit your score, we will be happy to evaluate it as part of your application.

Q. What is the University of Rochester institution code for reporting the GRE or TOEFL?

A. The University of Rochester’s Institution code is 2928. The subcode for TOEFL is 85 (education). The subcode for the GRE is 3101 (curriculum and instruction).

Q. Can I apply at any time?

A. Although we can accept your application at any time, we review applications four times a year: February 1, April 1, July 1, and October 15. Regardless of when you submit your application, you will be contacted for an interview following the next appropriate admissions deadline. NOTE: Applications to Ph.D. programs are only reviewed at the February 1 deadline.

Q. Will I be notified when my application arrives or is complete?

A. Yes, you will be notified by email when your application is processed. At that time we will also let you know if there are any components of your application missing.

Q. How long does it take to receive notification of an admission decision?

A. Applicants will be notified of a decision 6-8 weeks after the application deadline.

Q. Does the University of Rochester have graduate housing?

A. Yes. Graduate housing is offered by the University, not by the Warner School. Information is available on their web site at <http://www.reslife.rochester.edu/graduate/topics.php>.

Q. Can I defer my admission?

A. Yes, you can defer your admission for up to one year from your original intended start term. Deferring admission may mean forfeiting financial assistance originally awarded by the Warner School.

Q. Where can I obtain a copy of the application?

A. You can download our application from our web site, or call our Admissions Office to have one mailed to you.

Q. Are admissions interviews required?

A. Qualified master’s and certificate applicants are required to complete one interview with a Warner School faculty member, and doctoral candidates, two interviews. Interviews are scheduled by the Admissions Office. If you live too far from campus to interview in person, please contact our office to inquire about other means of interviewing.

Q. How can I check the status of my application?

A. Applicants are emailed at the time that their application is received to notify them of their status. Additionally, you can call the Admissions Office to check the status of your application.

Q. What kind of writing sample is required?

A. Your writing sample should be a paper that you have written that best displays your ability to write at an academic level. Your paper should include citations and use the same style consistently (APA or MLA for example).

Q. What does the Warner School look for in its applicants?

A. Specific criteria for admission include:

1. Applicants must have received a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or equivalent by the time they enter the program at Warner, with the exception of those applying to early admission programs.
2. Applicants must have the ability to do graduate work at the University of Rochester, as demonstrated by their past academic performance and their academic writing skills.
3. Applicants must demonstrate sufficient communication and interpersonal skills to perform well in their chosen career in education.
4. Applicants' career goals, professional interests, academic background, attitudes and philosophy must be consistent with the programs offered by the Warner School and its stated mission.
5. Additional criteria may be established for individual programs.

Q. What is the Warner School tuition?

A. Tuition for 2007-2008 is \$986 per credit hour.

Q. Does the Warner School offer financial aid or scholarships?

A. Yes, the Warner School offers scholarships on a merit-basis. Simply check the appropriate box on the application form to be considered for scholarship.

Competitive assistantships may be awarded to doctoral applicants.

Q. Should I complete the admissions process before I apply for financial aid?

A. You can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at any time.

Q. Are there grants available?

A. The Warner School offers merit-based scholarships to master's and certification applicants, and assistantships to doctoral applicants. Resources are limited, so not every candidate will receive funding.

Rochester-area preK-12 educators are eligible for the Warner School's Greater Rochester Area Educators Grants. More information on this great opportunity is available on the School's website.

Q. How large are the classes at Warner?

A. Classes are intentionally kept small to facilitate learning and discussion. Most classes are capped at 25, although on rare occasions some classes may be larger.

Q. When are courses offered?

A. Courses are offered in the late afternoon and into the evening. Most courses begin at either 4:45 p.m. or 7:35 p.m., although some courses may vary from this schedule.

Q. How do I contact professors if I have a question?

A. Professors and instructors will supply you with contact information on a syllabus for each class. Contact information for our faculty can also be found on the Warner School web site.

Q. How many credits can I transfer?

A. For master's programs, you can transfer up to nine graduate-level credits from another institution as long as those credits have not already been counted toward another degree. For doctoral programs, you can transfer up to 36 credits into an Ed.D. program, and up to 30 credits into a Ph.D. program.



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