



Cohort 5 Application Beginning Summer 2012

Thank you for your interest in the University of St. Thomas (UST) GRACE program. Please carefully read the requirements and instructions before applying.

Cohort five will have approximately six participants. The mission of the GRACE program is to serve struggling early childhood through eighth grade parish schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The most likely assignment will be as a general classroom teacher in grades four through eight.

Members of Cohort 5 will live in one of two GRACE communities located on the campus of the University of St. Thomas. Applicants will need spending money for the first summer until they begin teaching in August and receive a paycheck in September.

Requirements

- Candidates have received, or expect to receive, a bachelor's degree in a discipline by the end of the spring semester prior to entering the program in the summer.
- Candidates are interested in working with Catholic school children.
- Candidates have the dispositions typically found in successful teachers.
- Candidates possess a willingness to live in a small community of other teachers.
- Candidates understand that this is volunteer service and will commit to serving for two years.
- Candidates are accepted into the University of St. Thomas graduate program
- Candidates are accepted for employment by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Instructions

- Submit the GRACE application as soon as you know you want to be considered for this program
- On the Catholic School Office Teaching Application write GRACE Program Applicant in the box that asks for the following information: List professional development including workshops, seminars, grants or summer programs that you have attended in the past five years (do not include conventions or meetings):
- Complete all three applications by February 1: GRACE program; University of St. Thomas School of Education Graduate Program; Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic Schools Office of Human Resources.
 - All responses must be typed.
 - Please do not staple any part of the application and print on only one side of the paper.

- Candidates who have completed the GRACE and UST graduate school applications will be matched with names of those who have also completed the teaching application for the Catholic School Office on February 1

Completed GRACE application must include:

- Essay should be three (3) pages, double spaced, one inch margins, 12 point font

Interviews for selected candidates are scheduled to take place during February. Notification of conditional acceptance will be given by March 1. Formal acceptance into GRACE is contingent on admission to the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Education and acceptance for employment by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

GRACE applications should be addressed to:
Dr. Ana-Lisa Gonzalez
Director GRACE
University of St. Thomas, School of Education
3800 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006



Application

Please complete this application by typing in the text box provided below the line describing the data requested and submit a print copy together with all supporting documents as soon as possible but no later than February 1.

Personal Information

1. Name (Last, First Middle):

2. Present address (Street, Apartment, City, State, Zip)

3. Phone numbers (Home and Cell):

4. Email address

5. College attended, dates of attendance, major, degree, and grade point average

6. Date of birth:

7. Social Security Number:

8. Permanent/Home address AND phone number:

Educational Background and Relevant Work Experiences

9. Please list other service programs, employment, schools, etc. are you considering for the coming year, if any

10. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or do you currently have felony charges pending against you? Yes or No? If yes, please explain.

NOTE: During the admission process and/or during your time with GRACE, you are required to disclose any and all information concerning charges and/or possible charges against you at the time such circumstances arise.

11. Have you ever been disciplined for serious misconduct, suspended, or expelled from school? Yes or No? If yes, please explain.

12. Describe personal or work experiences you have had working with youth.

13. Describe volunteer ministry experiences you have had in your church or parish.

I hereby certify that the information provided by me in this application is complete and accurate.

Name

Date

Essay

Please type responses on separate sheets of paper, one side only. Responses should be three pages, double-spaced, one inch margins and 12 point font.

GRACE teachers participate in a rigorous program for two years that includes learning a profession, living on a limited budget in a community of men and women and possibly living in a new location with new friends, and committing to personal spiritual growth.

In your essay describe both your experiences and expectations regarding each of the three pillars of GRACE:

- Professional training, including your preferred teaching assignment and your commitment to Catholic Education
- Spiritual development, including what you will bring to spiritual development in a Catholic faith based community
- Living in community, including your understanding of mutual support for fellow GRACE participants and living on a limited budget