

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago is prerequisite to the undergraduate art education program and to recommendation for certification. **Prospective art education students must first enter the Bachelor of Fine Arts program and schedule and complete a consultation with the Director of the BFA with Emphasis in Art Education at the earliest possible date to ensure compliance with curricular requirements.** Students then apply to the BFA with Emphasis in Art Education during the first semester of their junior year or equivalent. After the Art Education Certification Committee considers the application, the student will be informed in writing of the action taken.

Criteria for admission to the BFA with Emphasis in Art Education Program

1. Admission to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Bachelor of Fine Arts program
2. Consultation with the Director of the BFA with Emphasis in Art Education
3. At least a junior standing or equivalent with no more than 18 credits total remaining in Studio, Art History, and Liberal Arts courses, as required for the BFA with Emphasis in Art Education program (please refer to *Pre-Admission Credit Check* for specific courses required for the Art Education program)*
4. Knowledge of and proficiency with art materials and production techniques using a wide range of media
5. Motivation, commitment to teaching, ability to learn

To complete an application, the following are required (application form and materials will be made available upon request of the applicant):

1. Completed application
2. Official transcripts from each college attended including SAIC
3. A 500-1000 word statement of purpose
4. Letter of reference, using the form included with the application
5. Portfolio of art work/cultural production
6. An interview with the Art Education Department (separate from the initial meeting)

Once students enter the art education program they usually complete the program in three semesters. The three semesters include coursework in remaining studio, art history, liberal arts electives, and professional education.

Students have a maximum of three years, from the time they enter the Art Education program, to complete the program (including time off for leaves-of-absence.)

* NOTE: Completion of art education program prerequisites does NOT guarantee admission to the program.