**Apply to the MiT Program**

**Fall 2015** applications ~~are accepted starting October 1, 2014. The application deadline is~~ **close April 6**, 2015. **Fall 2016** applications **open Oct. 1**, 2015 with an ~~The~~ early decision deadline ~~is~~ of January ~~12, 2015.~~ 11, 2016. Final deadline April 11, 2016.

Have everything ready? Start your application.

[Apply to Evergreen](https://www.applyweb.com/cgi-bin/app?s=evergrad)

All application materials must be received for your application to be considered.

Read and review the entire [MiT catalog (PDF)](http://www.evergreen.edu/mit/docs/MiT-catalog-2015-17.pdf) before you apply. ([Request a copy by mail](https://forms.evergreen.edu/request-mit-catalog).) ~~There are many important details not included in this website~~. Not all program details are included in this website.

**How Your Materials Are Evaluated**

We seek to prepare the finest teachers to support the development of all children.

Accepted candidates demonstrate academic excellence and the potential to succeed in a broad range of classroom settings. The admissions committee considers both qualitative and quantitative written evidence when they evaluate your application.

### Qualities of a top applicant

* ~~Graduate-level academic proficiency in general and endorsement coursework~~ Reading, writing and analytical skills appropriate for graduate study
* Breadth of Liberal arts study within baccalaureate program
* Thoroughness and quality of content area preparation
* Interest in the intellectual and social development of young people
* Commitment to a teaching career in a K-12 setting
* Interpersonal communication skills and professionalism in public settings
* Experience within the past two years in a public school classroom(s) with ~~individuals~~ studentsfrom diverse cultural and economic backgrounds at the grade level(s) you wish to teach
* Passing scores on state required tests
* Completeness and care in preparation of application materials

## Admission Requirements

**Bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution of higher education. You may be admitted provisionally pending completion.

**Minimum GPA** of 3.0 on 4.0 scale for last 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours. If your gpa falls slightly below 3.0 but you are otherwise well qualified, we encourage you to apply as the Admissions Committee is permitted to make a few exceptions to this requirement with adequate evidence. Evergreen grads: this requirement doesn't apply to you. Instead, we read through your evaluations to determine whether you're ready for graduate-level study.

**Required coursework** with at least a C/2.0 GPA or satisfactory narrative evaluation from regionally accredited institutions:

* 4 quarter credits in college level **statistics** completed before beginning MiT in the fall
* 8 quarter credits in **social sciences** such as psychology, history, economics, political science, etc.
* 12 quarter credits in **writing** to include a course in expository or research writing, may

also include writing intensive classes with appropriate documentation

* ~~Coursework~~ Content area classes to meet [**endorsement requirements**](http://www.evergreen.edu/_draft-mit/endorsements.htm)

**Recommended coursework:** First and Second Language Acquisition Theories

**Volunteer or work experience in a U.S. public school classroom**: at least 40 hours within the last two years. Your experience should include observing or working with diverse students at the grade level(s) you want to teach.

**Passing scores on** [**state-required tests (WEST-B and WEST-E)**](http://www.evergreen.edu/_draft-mit/tests.htm).

**Ability to pass a Washington State Patrol/FBI background check (admitted candidates must be fingerprinted and complete a character and fitness check form for clearance before program start)**

**Evidence of a commitment to teaching, interpersonal communication skills, and professionalism**: the admissions committee considers all your application materials to look for evidence of these skills. Your resume should ~~demonstrate your~~ provide specific details about all your experiences working with young people~~, and with individuals~~ especially those from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. Your letters of recommendation should speak to your interpersonal skills, and critical thinking and writing abilities.

## Before You Apply

### Determine your endorsements and complete worksheets

In order to teach a specific subject, you must demonstrate coursework in that area. You will complete a worksheet for each endorsement area to upload with your application. [See your endorsement options and requirements.](http://www.evergreen.edu/_draft-mit/endorsements.htm)

### Take required tests

Washington State requires that all teachers pass tests demonstrating their competency in basic skills and in their endorsed subjects. [Find out what tests are required.](http://www.evergreen.edu/_draft-mit/tests.htm)

### Select and contact your three references

You will provide email addresses of three professional people willing to provide letters of recommendation. They will be contacted by the application processing company to submit a ~~Three~~ letter~~s~~ ~~of recommendation, all from professionals, who can write about~~ addressing one or more of the following: your work with children, academic work, writing ability, interpersonal skills and job-related experiences.

You are ~~encouraged~~ expected to include a letter from a teacher or other educator who is aware of your interaction with youth. Ideally, ~~you should get a~~ we would receive a letter from the teacher who hosted your work or observation in a public school setting.

Also provide a letter from a college professor if you’ve attended class within the last three years~~, you should include a letter from a college professor.~~

### Format your resume

Include all key employment, volunteer, and educational experiences relevant to your future success as a teacher, listing experiences with youth first.

You will need to demonstrate forty or more hours of experience within the last two years in a public school classroom(s) at grade levels you wish to teach. This can include observing, volunteering, or work experience.

### Write a personal statement

Explain why you want to teach and conclude with why you want to join Evergreen's MiT program, approximately two typed pages ~~(600-700 words)~~. Save as Word or PDF.

### Write a a~~n~~ thesis-based essay

Take the following statement:

It is virtually impossible to be raised in the culture of the United States without being taught racial, ethnic, gender and socio-economic class biases, yet teachers today must be prepared to work with children from many backgrounds. They must also be prepared to demonstrate a commitment to the highest ideals of U.S. society and of public education.

Critically analyze the statement above, draft a thesis in reaction to it, and explain how your background, behaviors and experiences have prepared you to work with the issues and/or goals you identified in your thesis (typed, two pages). \*[Review the definition of a thesis-based, expository essay.](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/02)

### Request transcripts

You will need to request and submit official transcripts from **every** college or university that you have attended.

One transcript must verify the award of a bachelor's degree. Provisional admission can be granted on the basis of work in progress near the completion of a bachelor's degree. We may need an updated transcript during the review process. A final transcript with degree must be submitted prior to MiT program start to begin in conditional or ~~must be submitted to gain~~ regular admission status.

A transcript is considered official if it bears the official seal and signature of the issuing institution and is sent directly by that institution to Evergreen’s Graduate Office of Admissions; or is enclosed in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution and delivered by the applicant to the ~~Office of~~ Graduate Admissions Office. ~~or is enclosed in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution and delivered by the applicant to the Office of Admissions~~

Evergreen can receive official e-transcripts ~~electronically~~ from schools that are registered members of Docufide, National Student Clearinghouse, Naviance, Parchment and Scrip-Safe International. ~~Check with your previous institution's registrar to find out if they participate in any of these electronic transcript services.~~ If the e-transcript system asks for an email address, please use graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu.

Otherwise, mail or deliver transcripts to:
*The Evergreen State College*
*Graduate Admissions*
*~~Seminar 2, A2117~~*Library 2002
*2700 Evergreen Parkway NW*
*Olympia, WA 98505*

*Attention: MiT Admissions*

## Apply Online

[Set up an account and start the Online Graduate Application.](https://www.applyweb.com/cgi-bin/app?s=evergrad) Indicate that you are applying for MiT at the bottom of page 2 of the application. Need help with the online application? See [Directions & Information](https://www.applyweb.com/instructions?evergrad) or contact help@applyweb.com.

~~You will need to u~~Upload your endorsement worksheets, resume, personal statement, and essay in Word or PDF format.

~~You can p~~Pay the $50 non-refundable application fee by credit/debit card or e-check.

Contact MiT advisor Maggie Foran for a waiver code if you are a current or former AmeriCorps/Peace Corps volunteer, or veteran.

Contact the **Graduate Admissions Office** to monitor receipt of your application materials.

Admissions notification letters are sent by mail and applicants offered admission are required to confirm their acceptance in writing and submit a $100 non-refundable tuition deposit.

There is no other program in the country that can prepare you better. Enjoy your cohort and take it all in. Listen for the parts that really speak to your head and your heart. The world becomes what you teach.

—*Ryan Reilly, MiT ’07*

#### Evergreen Students and Alumni

If you transferred credit from another college or institution towards your Bachelor's degree, you will need to submit new official transcripts from those institutions.

You will also need to request an official transcript from Evergreen for the MiT program. You can [order your Evergreen transcript online](http://www.evergreen.edu/registration/transcript.htm).

**International Students**

**Entrance Tests**: If residing in the U.S., please take all required tests. Most of these tests are now available at multiple sites overseas, so please make an effort to take them if within a reasonable distance from your current location. If you cannot take the tests prior to application, notify MiT advisor Maggie Foran. You will be expected ~~need~~ to take the ~~WEST-E~~ tests in the U.S. as soon as can be arranged.

International applicants have three additional admission criteria:

* English Language Proficiency: Every applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency through **one** of the following:
	1. A bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. institution of higher education or from an institution in Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, or the United Kingdom.
	2. One of the following minimum English language proficiency test scores demonstrated through submission of official scores at the time of application: TOEFL paper test: 600; TOEFL computerized test: 250, TOEFL online test: 100, or IELTS: 7.5.
* Transcripts from any university attended outside of the United States or Canada must be evaluated for U.S. college credit and degree equivalencies by an approved member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services [(NACES)](http://www.naces.org/).
* If admitted, international students must have evidence of having at least $35,212 USD to pay all expenses for one academic year's enrollment at Evergreen. This estimate includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, health insurance, personal expenditures, and transportation (excluding travel to and from U.S.). The Office of Admissions will work with admitted students on this paperwork.