

Admission Information

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Equal Opportunity Policy

Trinity College admits qualified students who are personally committed to Jesus Christ. Students are admitted without regard to race, color, handicap, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. Trinity College does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, athletic and other school-administered programs.

The procedures outlined below apply to all prospective students requesting acceptance into the regular College programs. Those seeking admission to the TrinityQuest degree completion program should refer to page 73 in this catalog for detailed information on that program and its admissions procedures. All other prospective students should submit the appropriate forms to the Admissions Office.

Spiritual Requirements

The applicant:

1. Must have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and demonstrate good Christian character.
2. Must be in regular attendance at an evangelical church.

Academic Preparation

Since our goal at Trinity College is to prepare men and women for ministry through college education, prospective students need to understand both the academic and spiritual commitment they are making when applying to Trinity. The College recommends that applicants take a broad range of college preparatory classes at the high school level including: four units in English (including grammar and composition), four units in math, four units in science, four units in social sciences, history, and/or humanities, and two units in a foreign language. The goal

for an incoming student's grade point average is at least a 2.75 on a four point scale. Students should take either the ACT or SAT. Students with a troubled academic past, but who have good references and demonstrate a seriousness for their studies, should apply even if they have not fully met the above recommendations.



Admission Process

Trinity College seeks students who are committed to Jesus Christ and who express a desire to study in a Christian environment. Applicants should demonstrate the potential for academic success as well as a strong Christian character.

To apply to the College applicants should:

1. Submit the Application for Admission along with the \$25 fee.
2. Submit a personal reference and a church reference.
3. Submit high school transcripts and transcripts from all other colleges and universities attended. **Note:** High school transcripts are unnecessary if college transcripts indicate successful completion of 24 or more college credits.
4. Submit ACT or SAT scores. Trinity's college code number is 4876 for the ACT and 1979 for the SAT.

Acceptance Status of New Students

After receiving the appropriate paperwork, the Director of Admissions and/or the Admissions Committee will render a decision regarding the prospective student's enrollment at Trinity. Any one of several types of acceptance may be granted to an applicant:

1. *Full acceptance* indicates that an applicant who has submitted all required materials, including high school transcripts and SAT or ACT scores for first-time students, and meets all admissions standards may enroll at the College.
2. *Probationary acceptance* indicates that an applicant who has submitted all materials, including high school transcripts and SAT or ACT scores for first-time students, does not meet all admissions standards, but has demonstrated by other means the potential to succeed in college and may enroll at the College. Applicants granted probationary acceptance are required to take Basic English and are limited to taking 13 credit hours of classes in their first semester. If the student achieves a 2.0 or greater GPA in their first semester, they are removed from probation. If they have a GPA below 2.0 in their first semester, they are placed on final probation in their second semester.
3. *Conditional acceptance* indicates that an applicant who has not submitted all application materials may enroll at the College. Upon submitting all materials or upon completion of requirements determined, the Admissions Committee will make a final decision as to full or probationary acceptance. Such requirements may include taking placement tests during orientation.
4. *Special acceptance* indicates that a non-degree or certificate seeking student has been accepted for one or two classes and plans to transfer them to another institution or use them solely for personal growth.
5. *Dual enrollee acceptance* indicates that a high school student is being permitted to enroll in a select number of courses to earn advanced credit before graduating from high school. Dual enrolled students may be fully accepted when they graduate providing that they have met all of the necessary requirements of the College and have maintained satisfactory academic achievement and Christian testimony.

Re-Enrollment after Withdrawal or Leave

Students who have not attended classes for a period of one semester may re-enroll by contacting the Admissions Office. The College reserves the right to require a new application and/or references if deemed

necessary. Students who have not attended classes for a period of two semesters must submit a new application and church reference. The College reserves the right to require additional references. Any student who has not attended classes for more than two semesters must begin the application process from the beginning. Any student who has been suspended from the College must submit a letter of request to the appropriate dean before requesting application materials from the Office of Admissions.

Transfer Students

Transfer students should follow the general application procedures outlined above. Transfer students must submit transcripts from all previously attended institutions.



Special Students

Students who wish to take courses for personal growth or to transfer to another institution may apply for Special Student Status. Special Students should complete an application, church reference, and one personal reference. Special Students may not enroll for more than six hours of credit before applying for full acceptance. In order to be fully accepted, Special Students must complete the entire application process.

Dual Enrollment

High school juniors and seniors may apply for dual enrollment acceptance at Trinity College. All prospective dual-enrollees must have an interview with the Director of Admissions. Maturity and Christian character are weighed heavily in the College's decision to admit students into the dual enrollment program. All

forms and fees submitted are the same as for general enrollment.

Accepted dual-enrollees will be eligible for a 50% tuition discount; the remaining 50% will later be deducted from students' tuition if they subsequently enroll as full-time, degree-seeking students.

Home Schooled Students

Home school graduates should follow the general application procedures. Additional transcript options available to home schooled students are A) an umbrella high school transcript, or B) a parent-issued high school transcript.

Please note that the essential elements of a parent-issued transcript include, but are not limited to: all courses taken in grades 9 through 12 (listed by year and semester), final letter grades for each course, final GPA (based on a 4-point scale), graduation date, and the teaching parent's actual signature and date. Please contact the Admissions Office with any questions.

International Students

International students should request a copy of our "International Student Information" packet. This packet details the process for application and the approximate cost of attendance, as well as providing all forms required for admission. In addition to the general requirements, international students whose primary language is not English must submit a score of 500 or above on the paper-based or 173 or above on the computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language Examination (TOEFL). After all appropriate paperwork has been received and approved, the prospective student will be pre-registered and an I-20 Form will be issued.

