Who can apply to Magis?
Magis recruits applicants that are passionate about Catholic education and committed to service.

Some Magis applicants already have an undergraduate degree in education while others have degrees in an endorsable content area. Anyone with an education degree is invited to apply.

Applicants that have not gone through a teacher preparation program are invited to apply as long as they meet requirements for a teaching endorsement in a specific content area. Field endorsements are offered in art, language arts, natural science and social science. Subject endorsements are offered in biology, chemistry, English, French, history, journalism, Latin, mathematics, physics, religious education and Spanish. To see if you qualify for a teaching endorsement in one of these areas, send your unofficial transcript to the Magis Director or Assistant Director.

I graduated from college a few years ago. Am I still eligible to apply?
While there is not an age requirement, typical applicants are college seniors or within a few years of having finished college. It is common for applicants to work or volunteer for a few years before joining Magis.

I’m interested in applying to Magis Catholic Teacher Corps. What’s my first step?
Great! Your first step is to contact the Magis Director or Assistant Director via phone or email. We’ll need to see a copy of your transcript so that we can do a transcript analysis and verify that you have the courses required for a teaching endorsement through the Nebraska Department of Education. Once the transcript analysis is complete, go to the Magis website to apply on-line through the Creighton University Graduate School. You’ll also want to register right away to take the Praxis I (also called the PPST) if you have not already done so as score reports can take several weeks to generate. Go to www.ets.org to sign up to take the computer-based Praxis I.

When are applications due?
The application deadline is March 1. However, applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in early January. Interviews are set up with applicants meeting the minimum qualifications beginning in January. So, the sooner you submit your application the better!

Can I choose where I teach?
The placement process in Magis relies heavily on discernment and finding an appropriate placement for the applicant. Once the applicant is conditionally accepted into Magis, the Magis staff works with the principals of partnering schools to seek out job openings and facilitate interviews. The number of interviews an applicant has depends on the unique staffing needs of partnering schools any given year. The applicant is encouraged to discern whether or not their skills and desires are a good fit for the school. If a contract is offered and the applicant accepts, the applicant is moved from conditional to full acceptance.

Where do Magis teachers teach?
Magis teachers teach in Catholic schools in a variety of settings including urban, rural, and suburban schools and on Native American Indian reservations. The schools and placements vary from year to year, so check out the Magis blog (magisblog.creighton.edu) for a current map of Magis schools.
Will I be able to coach or serve as a club moderator as a Magis teacher?
Yes! Magis teachers are encouraged to get involved in the school community, as it's a great way to get to know the students and the larger community. Magis teachers are not allowed to take on the responsibilities of a head coach due to the demands of academic coursework, community living, and intentional spiritual development. Magis teachers are great assistant coaches, club moderators, or fans so long as they are keeping up with their Magis commitments first.

Do I have a choice in the Education courses that I take?
The Magis teachers enrolled in the Masters of Education and School Counseling degree tracks follow a scripted plan of study designed specifically to meet the graduation and endorsement requirements in two or three of years. Teachers enrolled in the Teacher Leadership degree track have the possibility of choosing four electives during the program.

What does Community Living look like in Magis?
All Magis teachers live in community during the summers on Creighton’s campus. During the year, all Magis teachers also live in community, but the size of the community and the type of housing varies from placement to placement. Some communities are composed of 2-3 teachers, particularly when those teachers are serving in rural settings. Communities can also be as large as 8-10 if there are a number of placements within a small radius. Magis teachers live in former convents, apartments or houses depending on the availability of housing. Each teacher has his/her own room and oftentimes the bathrooms are shared. Magis communities are expected to support one another in each of the pillars of Magis and to live intentionally and simply as members of a volunteer program. Regular dinners and social outings are common.

What does the Spirituality Pillar look like in Magis?
The Magis spirituality pillar is rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, the spirituality of the Jesuits. Through seminars, coursework, faith sharing, masses and prayer Magis teachers learn about the life of St. Ignatius and the charisms of the Jesuits. Magis teachers participate in regular faith sharing, weekly prayer with communities and three retreats throughout the year. Applicants from any faith background and at any point in their spiritual journey are welcome to apply.

Am I required to come to Omaha for an interview?
We would love to host you for a visit, but your interview with Magis can be done via Skype if you live outside of Omaha. When you interview with a principal, it’s likely that you can interview via phone or Skype, however many principals will encourage applicants to visit the school before signing a contract. This is to enhance the discernment process for the applicant.

What is the timeline for applying and job placements?
The Application Instruction Packet on the Magis website gives detailed information about the application process and timeline. Check it out at www.creighton.edu/magis/apply