Admission Requirements for Undergraduate Students

- Completion of EDUC 321 with a grade of ‘C’ or better.
- Verification of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (or alternative GPA**), a minimum 2.75 GPA in the teaching specialty, and a minimum 2.75 GPA in professional education courses.  **Alternate GPA calculation: Teacher candidates not achieving a cumulative 2.75 GPA may ask for consideration of an alternative GPA calculation if their cumulative GPA is 2.50 or higher. The alternative calculation is based upon the last two semesters of course work or a minimum of 30 semester credits completed. A cumulative 2.75 GPA is required from those semester’s courses or 30 credits to meet the GPA admission requirement. The calculation is only used for cumulative GPA.**

  NOTE: Candidates are expected to maintain the 2.75 GPA in all three areas mentioned above; if any GPA falls below 2.75, candidates are subject to suspension or termination from the School of Education.

- GPA of 2.75 in the teaching major.

- Achievement of minimum admission scores on the PRAXIS Core Academic Skills exam. Please see www.ets.org for registration information. Minimum scores required for admittance: Reading 156, Writing 160, and Math 150 or a composite score of 466 and passing two of the three sections.

  Candidates are responsible for ensuring that the School of Education receives an original copy of the score report.

- Provide a letter of recommendation. Letters should speak to the teacher candidate’s ability to work with youth and/or teaching skills. The criteria on which teacher candidates will be recommended are the following:
  - Responsibility
  - Interest and attitudes toward teaching
  - Oral and written communication skills
  - Knowledge of education/ability to teach

- Completion of the admission application form, a curriculum guide showing grades earned, and one copy of an up-to-date transcript of all credits, including transfer credits if applicable. (An unofficial transcript is acceptable.)

- Completion of 20 hours working with youth completed in the last 24 months. These experiences should be completed with children at the age which you plan to teach will be recommended for licensure. Submit the field experience verification form and supervisor recommendation form with the application materials.

- Applications must be signed by the candidate and the candidate’s academic advisor.