Applying for Admission to the School of Education

Admission and Retention

- All students preparing to become teacher candidates must first be **formally admitted** to the School of Education.

- Typical progression of events:

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- Prior to enrolling in 400-level professional education courses, students must receive **official notice of admission** from the School of Education, and this must occur at least one semester prior to the semester in which student teaching is planned.

- After admission, teacher candidates are required to maintain a **GPA of 2.75 or above** in professional education course work and a cumulative **GPA of 2.75 or above** to remain admitted until graduation. Otherwise, candidates are subject to suspension or termination from the School of Education.

- **Applications received after the deadlines will not be reviewed until the following semester.**

01/29/2021
## Admission Requirements

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| **EDUC 321**  
Introduction to Teaching | • Completion of EDUC 321 with grade of “C” or better | • Transfer students who completed *Introduction to Teaching* or *Educational Psychology* courses at another institution should see their advisor to inquire about process for course transfer review and possible approval |
| Professional Education Coursework GPA | • GPA of 2.75 or higher  
• Grade of “C” or better in each course | • This includes courses with prefixes of EDUC and/or H&CE |
| Cumulative GPA | • GPA of 2.75 or higher | • Alternative calculation possible if GPA is at least 2.5.  
• Alternative calculation requires GPA of 2.75 based on course work from last two or more prior semesters that add up to at least 30 credit hours. |
| **Praxis Core Academic Skills Test Scores**  
OR  
**ACT with Writing Test Scores** | **Praxis Core**  
**Academic Skills Test Scores**  
Reading: 156  
Writing: 160  
Math: 150  
**or**  
The 3 scores add up to 466 with no single score more than 7 points below passing | • Register for the Praxis at: [https://www.ets.org/praxis](https://www.ets.org/praxis)  
• When registering, select “ND EDUC STDS & PRACTICES BRD” as certifying state agency  
• When registering, select NDSU as a score recipient  
• You can register to take the 3 tests separately: Reading (5713), Writing (5723) and Math (5733), or can register for the Combined Test (5752)  
• If you register for the Combined Test (5752), your scores will still be reported by individual test (5713, 5723, 5733) |
| **ACT with Writing Test Scores** | • Composite score: 22 or higher  
• Mathematics score: 21 or higher  
• English Language Arts (ELA) score: 21 or higher | • ELA score is not the English score, but rather is a combination of English, Reading, and Writing scores.  
• For an ELA score, it’s necessary to take the **ACT with Writing** test  
• When applying for SOE admission, an unofficial score report or a screenshot of your ACT scores with your name & scores will suffice  
• When applying to the ND state agency for teacher licensure closer to graduation, an official ACT score report will be necessary |
| Application Form | • Must be signed by advisor | |
| 20 Hours Experience Working with Youth | Required forms:  
1. Field Experience Verification-Student  
2. Field Experience Verification-Supervisor | • Hours completed within 24 last months.  
• Must be completed with children/youth of age you’ll be licensed to teach  
• FE Verification-Student form provides specifics about hours  
• FE Verification-Supervisor form provides evaluation of performance |
| Transcript | | • Can be unofficial but must be up-to-date |
How to Submit your Application

1) **Find application materials at NDSU’s Application to Teacher Education website:** [https://www.ndsu.edu/ted/admission/undergraduate/](https://www.ndsu.edu/ted/admission/undergraduate/)

2) **Submit the following items via email to:** ndsu.education@ndsu.edu
   - Application Form
   - Field Experience Verification Form – Student
   - Transcript
   - If using ACT scores, provide:
     - Unofficial ACT score report (i.e. Copy of formal report sent to you, not sent directly to NDSU)
     - Screenshot of your scores from the ACT website that shows your name and Composite, Math, and ELA scores:

3) **Arrange to have the following items submitted directly to NDSU:**
   - Field Experience Verification Form – Supervisor
     - Email the form to your supervisor and they’ll email it back to ndsu.education@ndsu.edu
   - If using Praxis Academic Skills Test scores, arrange to have your official score report sent directly to NDSU.