

Undergraduate Procedures for Admission to The Teacher Education Program

Office of Educator Preparation and Licensure



A. Criteria for Admission:

1. Complete an [online application](#) for Admission to Teacher Education before the end of the sophomore year.
2. Take and pass the **Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) exams**. Passing scores are Reading –156, Math – 150, and Writing – 162.

Exemptions from taking the CORE exam may apply to those applicants who:

- **Have an ACT-enhanced** score of **21** or higher.
 - **Have 1080** on the **SAT** Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math.
3. Complete at least **45** semester hours of coursework
 4. Complete EESE 2010 and EESE 2011 (or approved substitutions with a grade of “B-” or better). Application to Teacher Education may be submitted while a student is enrolled in EESE 2010 or EESE 2011. Admission procedures will not be final until the final grades are posted. **NOTE: This requirement does not apply to secondary education minors**
 5. **Inclusive grade point average of 2.75** or higher (grades earned in introductory and developmental courses are not used to compute the required average).
 6. Completion of [Fingerprinting and Background](#) check with TBI.
 7. **Disciplinary clearance** from the College of Education.

B. Admission to the Teacher Education Program is a prerequisite to enrollment in upper-division courses in **Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Middle Grades, Special Education, and Secondary YOED**. Students not formally admitted to the Teacher Education Program will not be permitted to enroll in upper-division teacher education classes.

C. Formal Admission to Teacher Education When all criteria for admission have been met, formal action is taken on admission. Applicants are typically notified via email within a week of applying and in writing through the U.S. mail after formal approval has been granted.

D. The Appeal Process If you are struggling to meet the admission to teacher education requirements, you may be eligible for appeal (i.e., admitted or conditionally admitted). Visit [our website](#) for more information.