

ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION GPA & Test Score APPEALS

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Tennessee State Department of Education Requirement

According to the Tennessee State Board of Education, Admission Requirements (5.504), (2) Candidates for admission to a baccalaureate level educator preparation program shall, at a minimum, meet the following criteria: (a) A minimum postsecondary grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 at the time of admission to the EPP; (b) A qualifying score on the ACT, SAT, or all 3 subtests of the Praxis Core.

What is the state approved grade point average (GPA) for admission to Teacher Education?

Inclusive GPA	2.750
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Approved Appeals Criteria

In lieu of the minimum postsecondary inclusive grade point average of 2.75 at the time of application, students can be *conditionally* admitted to the Teacher Education Program. One of the following criteria must be met in subsequent semesters leading to full admission to the Teacher Education Program.

If you have an Inclusive GPA of at least 2.5 and a maximum of 48 earned hours, you must:
acquire the GPA of 2.750 after completing no more than 30 additional credit hours or two full time semesters.

If you have an Inclusive GPA of at least 2.5 and a maximum of 60 earned hours, you must:
acquire the GPA of 2.750 after completing no more than 15 additional credit hours or one full time semester of coursework.

Tennessee State Department of Education Requirement

According to the Tennessee State Board of Education, Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators (5.105), "Individuals applying for an initial educator license in Tennessee shall submit passing scores on an assessment that measures professional knowledge and is correlated to Tennessee's professional education standards." The policy states, "Educator preparation programs may admit candidates who present qualifying scores on the following assessments, in addition to other required admissions criteria."

What are the state approved qualifying scores for admission to Teacher Education?

Praxis Core	ACT	SAT
Math – 150	Composite – 21	Composite – 1080
Reading – 156		
Writing – 162		

Approved Appeals Criteria

In lieu of earning qualifying scores on one of the exam sets above, one of the following criteria must be met.

ACT Appeals Criteria

If you have earned an ACT Composite of 20, you must:

have a score of 21 or better on two of three ACT subtests (English, Reading, and/or Math)

and

have earned a B minus (B-) or better in the general education course aligned with the subtest without the qualifying scores (i.e., Writing subtest – ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020; Reading subtest – ENGL 2020 or ENGL 2030; Math subtest – Math General Education Course).

If you have earned an ACT composite score less than 20, you must:

- have taken all 3 subtests of the Praxis Core at least one time, **and**
- have a qualifying score on 2 of the 3 Praxis Core subtests, **and**
- have earned a B minus (B-) or better in the general education course(s) aligned with the subtest without the qualifying score (i.e., Writing subtest – ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020; Reading subtest – ENGL 2020 or ENGL 2030; Math subtest – Math General Education Course).

SAT Appeals Criteria

If you have earned at least 1030 (out of a possible of 1600 total score) on the SAT, candidates must:

have a score of 530 or better on either the SAT Math section or SAT Reading/Writing/Language section,

and

have earned a B minus (B-) or better in the general education course(s) aligned with the subtest without the qualifying scores (i.e., Reading/Writing/Language section – ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020 AND ENGL 2020 or ENGL 2030; Math section – Math general education course).

If you have earned less than 1030 (out of a possible 1600 total score) on the SAT, candidates must:

- have taken all 3 subtests of the Praxis Core at least one time, **and**
- have a qualifying score on 2 of the 3 Praxis Core subtests, **and**
- have earned a B minus (B-) or better in the general education course(s) aligned with the subtest without the qualifying score (i.e., Writing subtest – ENGL 1010 or ENGL 1020; Reading subtest – ENGL 2020 or ENGL 2030; Math subtest – Math General Education Course).