

# Admission to Candidacy for a Degree in Teacher Education

Admission to Candidacy for a degree in Teacher Education is a formal step in the teacher preparation process. Requirements associated with this step are designed to provide evidence that can be used to assess the students' potential for success in a teaching career.

Teacher education majors must be admitted to candidacy for a degree in teacher education prior to enrolling in courses which require admission to teacher candidacy. Students should complete an application form for admission to candidacy. The applications are available in Pod B of the Teacher Education Center. Requirements for admission to candidacy are checked when the application is submitted.

## Requirements for admission to candidacy for a degree in teacher education:

1. Complete EDUC 2020 or MUED 2020 and all first year courses, as defined by the catalog in effect the semester the student enrolls as an education major.
2. Have a 2.5 overall GPA. (A minimum 2.50 is also required for RETENTION in Teacher Candidacy.)
3. Complete each of the following with a grade of C or better:
  - a. Courses used to satisfy the University core requirements.
  - b. Degree-applicable professional education courses.
  - c. Degree-applicable specialized academic courses.(A minimum grade of C is also required for RETENTION in teacher candidacy.)
4. Achieve at least the minimum required scores on the following PRAXIS CORE tests:

Reading # 5712, passing score: 156; Writing # 5722, passing score: 162; and Math # 5732; passing score: 150.

**NOTE: STUDENTS WHO EARNED AN ACT COMPOSITE SCORE OF AT LEAST 22 OR A SAT COMBINED READING AND MATH SCORE OF AT LEAST 1030 ARE EXEMPT FROM TAKING THE PRAXIS READING, WRITING, AND MATHEMATICS TESTS.**

5. Receive a favorable *Evaluation of Candidate*.

College of Education candidates will be evaluated while enrolled in Professional Education courses. The evaluations will be posted by the instructors to your TASKSTREAM account. Your instructor will assess your professional skills and dispositions as seen during classes, discussions, assignments, assessments and field experiences. One favorable evaluation is required for admission to Teacher Candidacy.

6. Submit a positive background check.
7. Initiate and complete an application form for admission to candidacy.

**NOTE: The Louisiana Department of Education WILL NOT certify persons who have been convicted of a felony.**

**CHECK YOUR NSU E-MAIL ON A DAILY BASIS. This is how the university communicates with you.**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK**

**PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FORM**  
(All questions must be answered)

NAME OF APPLICANT: (Including, First, Middle, and Married)	Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
ADDRESS:	DATE OF BIRTH:

<i>Each Question must be answered:</i>	<i>Please Check</i>	
	YES	NO
1. Have you ever had any professional license/certificate denied, suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered? If <b>YES</b> , in what state? _____		
2. Are you currently being reviewed or investigated for purposes of such action as stated in #1 or is such action pending? If <b>YES</b> , in what state? _____		
3. Have you ever been convicted of any felony offense, been found guilty or entered a plea of <i>nolo contendere</i> (no contest), even if adjudication was withheld? If yes, please provide the following information: Specify the Offense: _____ Date of Offense: _____ State and Parish/County of Conviction: _____ Judicial District of Court of Conviction: _____		
4. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor offense that involves any of the following: a) Sexual or physical abuse of a minor child or other illegal conduct with a minor child. b) The possession, use, or distribution of any illegal drug as defined by Louisiana or federal law.		
5. Have you ever been granted a pardon or expungement for any offense as stated in #3 or #4?		

If you answered “**YES**” to any questions, #1 through #5, you must provide court **certified** copies of all documents and proceedings, civil records of Federal, State and/or District School Board actions, or other relevant documents that provide full disclosure of the nature and circumstances of **EACH** separate incident in your application packet.

**I affirm and declare that all information given by me in the responses to items #1 through #5 above is true, and correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts, by omission or addition, may result in criminal prosecution and/or the denial or revocation of my teacher certificate.**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	DATE:
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# PRAXIS Information

Please ensure that your Social Security Number is on ALL PRAXIS registration forms. That is how the LA Department of Education identifies your scores.

1. Passing scores on PRAXIS CORE READING, WRITING, MATH tests are required for Admission to Teacher Candidacy.

Tests: Reading #5712; Writing #5722; Math #5732 Cost: \$90 per test  
Combined tests (R, W, M): #5751 Cost: \$150

## Scheduling PRAXIS CORE tests:

PRAXIS CORE tests are given at Northwestern State University Testing Center and Sylvan Learning/Prometric Centers. To register for CORE tests, call Prometric at 800-853-6773, or register online at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).

### *Local test sites:*

NSU testing center

Kyser Hall, Room 401-G  
318-357-5246

Alexandria LA:

318-767-3973  
LSUA  
191 Middleton Dr.

Bossier City LA:

318-742-7349  
4350 Viking Dr., Suite 3

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2. Passing scores on PRAXIS II PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING & TEACHING and SPECIALTY AREA tests are required for enrollment in Student Teaching. Contact your advisor for information regarding when you should take these tests.

Register at [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

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Please request that your PRAXIS scores are sent to NSU AND the Louisiana Department of Education.

NSU PRAXIS recipient #:

6492

LA Dept. of Education recipient #:

7330

For additional information, go to: [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

## PRAXIS Study App

[www.quizlet.com/mobile](http://www.quizlet.com/mobile) Quizlet Flashcard App.

## PRAXIS Study Resources On-Line

eBook study guides are available through ETS.org.

*\*\*\*This study guide is available through WATSON LIBRARY:*

<http://www.learnatest.com/learningexpresslibrary> Excellent source of interactive practice tests. Exceptional variety of test materials. Sign up for a free account, select your test, and work at your own pace. Save your work and come back later if you choose.

Instructions: go to [www.nsula.edu](http://www.nsula.edu); click on the **WATSON LIBRARY** link; then **DATA BASES DIRECTORY**; choose **EDUCATION** on the drop-down menu; choose **LEARNING EXPRESS**; register as a **NEW USER**, then log in as a **RETURNING USER**; click **JOBS AND CAREERS**; then **TEACHING**, then choose the **PRAXIS** test for which you are preparing.

[www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) These are the folks that “own” the test, so they will be glad to sell you study guides or workshops. Very valuable site to get an overview of the test content and procedure. This is also where you find information about the test schedule and location, and you can register to take the test(s) on this website.

[www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com) Click on the “PRAXIS Practice” link on the left side of the screen. You’ll get some free subject-area assessments and a link to sell you some study materials

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/> Excellent link for grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.

<http://www.praxis2studynotes.com> This website offers summaries of study notes compiled by actual test takers. They charge a fee for each set of notes, but you get immediate access via e-mail and download.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tq/sr/css05rtq.asp>

Google in “PRAXIS” help” and for other PRAXIS study links.

**NOTE: Be sure that you prepare for the TEST NUMBER of the PRAXIS CORE or PRAXIS II test/s that you plan to take. There are many PRAXIS tests, but Louisiana only requires/accepts the ones found on the LOUISIANA link on the ETS website.**

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

***I acknowledge receipt of the requirements for Admission to Teacher Candidacy, Student Teaching, and Graduation.***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CWID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course/Section :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_