



## Application Checklist for Teacher Candidates

### Prerequisites for Admission to Teacher Education Program

The application to the Teacher Education Program is typically considered by the Education Department in June of the sophomore year for elementary candidates, and June of the junior year for music education candidates. Candidates may be considered for admission once they have earned 48 credit hours and meet all prerequisites for admission stated below. When post-baccalaureate candidates apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program, their post-baccalaureate grade point average will be used for admission purposes if they have earned 8 or more post-graduate credit hours at Furman and/or elsewhere.

- ☐ **Effective September 1, 2019**, Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading (Test Code 5713); Writing (Test Code 5723); and Mathematics (Test Code 5733) to be successfully passed prior to junior year (see qualifying ACT and/or SAT \*exemption requirements below). Students must have successfully passed or exempted Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics before enrolling in upper-level methods courses in the fall of the junior year (Upper level methods courses include EDU-330, EDU-331, EDU-332, EDU-333, and MTH-302).

**To register for Praxis® Core**, visit Educational Testing Service at [ets.org/praxis/](https://ets.org/praxis/). As part of registration, please list Furman University (Code 5222) and the South Carolina Department of Education (Code 8108) as score recipients. Test dates and test center locations are provided on the ETS web site. When required to take all three sections, select Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators: (Combined Test Code 5752). Cost is \$150.

**Qualifying Praxis Core Scores for South Carolina -- Reading: 156; Writing: 158; Mathematics: 150**  
***(Composite Score Option – a candidate may also qualify for admission with a composite score on the three subtests of at least 464, with no subtest score more than four points below the required passing score for that subtest).***

**\*Exemption: Qualifying SAT or ACT can be used in place of taking Praxis® Core, as follows:**

SAT Exemption Scores	Effective Date	Required Scores Needed for Praxis Core Exemption	Praxis Core Sections Exempted
New SAT (after redesign)	June 13, 2017	SAT Composite Score of 1100 or higher Reading/Writing and Math (Two-Part)	All sections of Praxis Core
		Reading/Writing score of 550 or higher	Reading and Writing sections of Praxis Core
		Mathematics score of 550 or higher	Mathematics section of Praxis Core
Old SAT (before redesign)	Taken between March 2005 and January 2016	SAT Composite Score of 1650 or higher Reading, Math, and Writing (Three-Part)	All sections of Praxis Core
ACT Exemption Scores	Effective Date	Required Scores Needed for Praxis Core Exemption	Praxis Core Sections Exempted
	June 13, 2017 and prior years	ACT Composite Score of 22 or higher	All sections of Praxis Core
		English Test Score of 22 or higher	Reading and Writing sections of Praxis Core
		Mathematics Test Score of 22 or higher	Mathematics section of Praxis Core

- ☐ Grade of "C" or above in EDU-111/EDU-001 field experience, EDU-112, EDU-113, or EDU-114; EDU-120, and EDU-221
- ☐ Dispositions Assessment completed for EDU-221 as part of field experience
- ☐ Recommendation from the major department (music candidates only) – recommendation request is made by the Education Department
- ☐ Per South Carolina Department of Education guidelines, a cumulative grade-point average of at least a 2.75 is required
- ☐ Grade of "C" or above in all **professional education courses** and all courses required for music education certification. For all candidates, **professional education courses** include EDU-111/EDU-001, EDU-112, EDU-113, or EDU-114; EDU-120 and EDU-221, required methods courses, EDU 505 (teaching internship for music candidates) or EDEP 670 (teaching internship for Education majors seeking elementary certification). For Education majors certifying in the elementary grades, **professional education courses** also include all courses required of the major plus the required ancillary courses – MTH-301 and MTH-302.
- ☐ Clearance based on reports from the Office of Student Life and the Office of Academic Affairs
- ☐ Demonstration of professional dispositions