

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AND INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS

Professional Program Requirements

How to Apply for the Professional Program

How to Apply for Internship

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Professional program requirements for all MT and MAT programs
- Professional program requirements for undergraduate programs
 - Course requirements
 - Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) assessment
 - GPA
 - Praxis Core
- Applying for the Professional Program
- Applying for Internship/Directed Teaching

MT AND MAT PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Apply by April 15th if your final internship is in a Spring semester (approximately 8 months prior to starting final internship)
- Apply by December 1st if your final internship is in a Fall semester (approximately 8 months prior to starting final internship)
- [Click here](#) for application instructions
- Complete the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) assessment on Blackboard before submitting your Professional Program application – [Click here for details](#)
- Questions about Professional Program requirements for your MT or MAT program - contact [Lawona Hill](#), Associate Director for Graduate Student Services in Gamecock EdQuarters

UNDERGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You must be fully admitted to the Professional Program at least one semester prior to your final internship. Deadlines vary by program – please contact your academic advisor for the deadline for your program. Requirements include:

- Earn a C or better in specified courses – see next slide
- Earn 80% or greater on the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) assessment
- Achieve an Education GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Achieve an Overall or USC GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Submit passing scores for all three sections of the Praxis Core exam
 - You may exempt all or parts of the Praxis Core exam with qualifying ACT or SAT scores. [Click here for details.](#)

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM – COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Professional Program course requirements vary by program. Click on your program area for a list of required courses.

[Early Childhood Education](#)

[Elementary Education](#)

[Middle Level Education](#)

[Physical Education](#)

[Art Education](#)

[Dance Education](#)

[Foreign Language Education](#)

[Music Education](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
 - ENGL 101 and 102
 - EDTE 201
 - EDPY 401
 - EDEC 250
 - EDEC 340 and 340P
 - EDEC 336
 - EDEC 510
 - SLIS 325 or ENGL 431
 - MATH 221
 - BIOL 110 or BIOL 120
 - One course from: HIST 111, HIST 112, GEOG 121, GEOG 210
 - Complete one ARP course with a grade of D or better

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

BA ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS (ON-CAMPUS AND PALMETTO COLLEGE)

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- MATH 221
- EDTE 201
- EDFI 300
- EDPY 401
- EDEL 305
- EDEL 306
- EDRM 423
- Two of the three required science courses
- Three of the four required social studies/history courses

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

MIDDLE LEVEL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- EDTE 201
- EDPY 401
- EDFI 300

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- EDPY 401
- EDRD 500
- PEDU 570

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

ART EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- EDPY 401
- EDRD 500 or EDEX 581 or EDFI 300
- ARTE 525 and ARTE 525P
- ARTE 560 and ARTE 560P

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

DANCE EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102
- All DANC courses must be completed with a C+ or better by the time of Professional Program admission

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- FORL 511
- EDPY 401
- EDRD 500 or EDFI 300

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

MUSIC EDUCATION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- You must earn a C or better in the following courses to be admitted to the professional program:
- ENGL 101 and 102
- EDPY 401
- EDTE 201
- EDRD 500 or EDEX 581 or EDFI 300

[Return to list of undergraduate programs](#)

[Continue to next professional program requirement](#)

EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT (EEDA) ASSESSMENT

- **Purpose:** The EEDA requires USC teacher candidates to exhibit knowledge about various components of the state law in order that they prepare their students for the workplace of the future. In a collaborative arrangement, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education, the South Carolina Department of Education, and representatives from public and private institutions developed seven performance standards for teacher candidates. The EEDA assessment tests your knowledge of these seven performance standards.
- **Location:** The EEDA is on Blackboard, under “My Organizations”
- **How:** Open the EEDA module in Blackboard and read the “getting started” page. Proceed to the Introduction and then read each Performance Standard. Be sure to mark “module completed” when you have read all information for that module. Then, take the Assessment (20 questions). You have 3 attempts to score an 80% or higher on the assessment. If you score an 80% or higher on Assessment I A, then you are done. If you score below an 80%, take assessment I B. If a third attempt is needed, take assessment I C.

[Return to start of presentation](#) or scroll down to view additional undergraduate professional program requirements

GPA REQUIREMENTS – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

To be admitted to the Professional Program, you must have:

- An Overall/LIFE or USC GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Some programs require an Education GPA of 3.0 or higher

If you are unsure about the GPA requirements for your program, talk with your academic advisor.

PRAXIS CORE OVERVIEW

- The Praxis Core exam is a comprehensive assessment that measures academic skills in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics – see next slides for content details.
- The only way to exempt the Praxis Core requirement is through qualifying SAT or ACT scores. [Click here](#) for details.
- The combined Praxis Core exam costs approximately \$150. ETS offers a fee waiver for qualifying test takers. [Click here for more information](#).
- It can take 4-6 weeks for scores to arrive at USC – Plan ahead!
- You can take the Reading, Writing, and Mathematics sections together (combined exam test code is 5751) or you can take each section individually. Each section costs approximately \$90 while the combined exam is \$150.
- Be sure to list USC – College of Education (school code 5818) as a score recipient.
- The deadline to have passing scores on file for the Praxis Core varies by program. Please contact your academic advisor if you are unsure of your program's deadline.

PRAXIS CORE – READING SECTION

- 56 multiple choice questions
- Types of questions include:
 - Key ideas and details - This section requires students to closely read text, make logical inferences, connect specific details, address author differences, and determine uncertain matters. (17-22 questions)
 - Craft, structure, and language skills: - This section requires students to interpret words and phrases, recognize the tone of word choices, analyze text structure, assess points of view, apply language knowledge to determine fact of opinion, determine word meanings and understand a range of words. (14-19 questions)
 - Integration of knowledge and ideas – This section requires students to analyze diverse media content, evaluate arguments in texts and analyze how two or more texts address similar themes. (17-22 questions)
- Individual section code: 5712

PRAXIS CORE – WRITING SECTION

- 40 multiple choice questions and 2 essays
- Types of questions include:
 - Text types, purposes, and production – This section requires students to edit and revise text passages. (6-12 questions)
 - Language and research skills – This section requires students to demonstrate command of English grammar, usage, capitalization, and punctuation. Additionally, this section requires the application and recognition of research skills. (28-34 questions)
 - Two essays – This section requires students to write one argumentative and one informative/explanatory essay.
- Individual section code: 5722

PRAXIS CORE – MATHEMATICS SECTION

- 56 multiple choice questions
- Number and quantity – This section requires students to understand order among number integers, representation of a number in more than one way, place value, whole number properties, equivalent computational procedures, ratio, proportion, and percentages. (17 questions)
- Algebra and functions – This section requires students to understand equations and inequalities and recognize various ways to solve a problem, determine the relationship between verbal and symbolic expressions, and interpret graphs. (17 questions)
- Geometry – This section requires students to understand and apply characteristics and properties of geometric shapes, the Pythagorean theorem, transformation, and use of symmetry to assess problems. Knowledge of IS and metric system is assumed. (11 questions)
- Statistics and probability – This section requires students to determine mean, median & mode, read and interpret visual display of quantitative information, understand the correspondence between data and graphs, and make inferences from a given data display. (11 questions)
- Individual section code: 5732

PRAXIS CORE – HOW TO REGISTER

1. Go to www.ets.org.
2. Click on Praxis in the middle of the page.
3. Click on Test Dates and Centers under Quick Links.
4. Type in the Zip Code or Country/Location you're looking for (toward the bottom of the page) and click Find Test Centers. This will bring up locations and directions.
5. In order to find dates when the test is offered, click Register Now and create an account.
6. Keep following the directions as if you're going to register for the test (but you don't have to register yet – you can just select your desired testing center and view dates and times).
7. Once you are ready to register, follow the directions above and complete the registration process.

PRAXIS CORE EXEMPTION

SAT Exemption Scores

Exam	Effective Date	Exemption Score	Sections Exempted
Old SAT (before redesign)	Taken prior to March 5, 2016	Total Score (3 part) = 1650 or higher	All sections of Praxis Core
New SAT (after redesign)	Taken on or after March 5, 2016	Total Score (2 part) of 1100 or higher	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

ACT Exemption Scores

Effective Date	Required Score for Exemption	Sections Exempted
ACT taken prior to May 1, 2016	Composite Score of 24 or higher	All sections of Praxis Core
ACT taken on or after May 1, 2016	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
	Math Test Score of 22 or higher	Mathematics section of Praxis Core

It is your responsibility to ensure that USC has your ACT and/or SAT scores on file.

[Return to start of presentation](#)

[Return to Praxis Core overview](#)

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM AND INTERNSHIP

- Both the Professional Program application and the Internship/Directed Teaching application are in Chalk and Wire.
- Deadlines to submit applications vary by program.
- Typically, you complete the Professional Program application first and in a later semester, you complete the Internship/Directed Teaching application. Talk with your academic advisor if you are uncertain about the deadlines for either program.
- For step-by-step instructions, [click here](#) and view the “Apply to the Professional Program in Education” section and the “Apply for a Directed Teaching Position/Internship” section.
- If you have questions related to submitting either application, please contact [Raechel Blakeney](#) in Gamecock EdQuarters.

[Return to start of presentation](#)