

Admission Requirements-College of Education

The following information is for **undergraduate programs only**.

Gate 1: Approval To Enroll in Professional Education Courses

Candidates seeking admission into the teacher education program will initiate the process for admission in the Office of Candidate Services (OCS) in Mashburn 119 upon completion of minimum requirements established by the University of Central Arkansas' College Of Education. Admission is required for enrollment in designated upper division professional education courses.

The following minimum requirements must be met for admission to the teacher education program. Individual programs may have additional requirements for admission.

1	<p>TEACHER EDUCATION APPLICATION</p> <p>Complete the application for admission to the College of Education teacher education program. https://uca.edu/ocs/teacher-education-application/</p>
2	<p>BACKGROUND CHECK</p> <p>All candidates must clear both parts of the background check process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Maltreatment Central Registry Check 2. State and Federal Criminal Records Check <p>Background checks may take 4-6 weeks to complete, so candidates are encouraged to begin this process early. For step-by-step directions on completing the background check process, click here. https://uca.edu/ocs/background-checks/internship-and-licensure/</p>
3	<p>BASIC SKILLS PROFICIENCY</p> <p>All teacher candidates must meet minimum requirements for basic skills in reading, mathematics, and writing. ACT scores are most commonly used. For tests that you have previously taken, visit this link for minimum scores on other tests that also can be used. You may use a combination of scores from multiple test administrations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • READING: Minimum ACT reading- 19 • MATHEMATICS: Minimum ACT mathematics -19 • WRITING: Minimum ACT writing score of 6 on the 2-12 scale (taken fall 2017 or after) <p>To register for the ACT, go to actstudent.org or contact the UCA Testing Center. To register for the Praxis Core writing test, https://uca.edu/ocs/praxis-exams-info/</p>
4	<p>FOUNDATION COURSEWORK</p> <p>Complete the following courses (or approved equivalents) with a grade of "C" or better:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRTG 1310: Introduction to College Writing • WRTG 1320: Academic Writing and Research • COMM 1300: Principles of Communication • MATH 1360, MATH 1390, or above (as determined by your major) • Introductory Education Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Secondary, K-12, and Middle Level majors – EDUC 1300 ○ For STEM Education Minors – STEM 1301
5	<p>GRADE POINT AVERAGE</p> <p>The minimum grade point average for admission to teacher education is 2.70 after a minimum of 45 college credit hours (with at least 12 credit hours from UCA). Students with at least a 2.50 GPA may be admitted if the average of the previous 30 credit hours is 3.00 or better.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Even if the minimum GPA is met, candidates who do not show academic progress or who show an inconsistent academic record may be denied admission as a part of the candidate review process detailed below.</i></p>
6	<p>CANDIDATE REVIEW</p> <p>Receive a satisfactory candidate review, which may include candidate interview, faculty recommendations, or other measures to determine the candidate's dispositional and academic readiness for the teacher education program. For information about dispositional readiness, https://uca.edu/ocs/files/2019/06/UCA-Initial-Programs-Disposition-Rubric.pdf</p>

Admission Gate Information

Throughout the teacher education program, candidates are periodically reviewed for dispositional and academic readiness to advance through the program. At each of these reviews (or “gates”), candidates may be approved to continue, may be subject to remedial steps before continuing, or may be dismissed from the program.

Remediation may include:

- Repeating course(s) where performance did not meet expectations
- Creating professional growth plans to detail necessary areas of improvement
- Additional work or activities to gain the sufficient experience to continue

Gate 1: Approval to enroll in professional education courses

Candidates must complete the following steps to be approved to enroll in designated professional education courses:

- Submit teacher education application
- Complete preliminary background check
- Earn required minimum grade point average
- Satisfactorily complete foundation coursework
- Demonstrate educational technology competency
- Demonstrate basic skills proficiency
- Receive a satisfactory candidate review

Complete details for Gate 1 are available [here](#).

Gate 2: Approval to enroll in Internship I

To be approved for Internship I, candidates must:

- Complete all requirements to be approved for professional education courses (Gate 1)
- Maintain cumulative GPA of 2.70 or better
- Receive recommendation by program coordinator who will review class performance and verify that candidate has sufficient preparation for Internship I
- Receive satisfactory candidate review by program or program coordinator(s) to determine if candidate demonstrates appropriate dispositions and academic preparedness for Internship I

Gate 3: Approval to enroll in Internship II

To be approved for Internship II, candidates must:

- Complete all major and professional education coursework requirements with a **C** or better
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70
- Earn satisfactory score on Internship I summative evaluation
- Submit scores on required Praxis subject-area assessment(s)
- Clear criminal history and child maltreatment background checks
- Demonstrate appropriate dispositions as measured by COE rubric
- Receive satisfactory candidate review by program or program coordinator(s)

Gate 4: Teacher education program exit

To exit the program, candidates must:

- Have minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70
- Complete Internship II with grade of C or better
- Satisfactorily completion of all program key assessments
- Submission of scores on the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching or subject-specific pedagogy exam.
- Earn baccalaureate degree

Note: Candidates meeting teacher education program completion requirements may not have met Arkansas teacher licensing requirements. These candidates will not be recommended for licensure until the completion of all Arkansas Department of Education requirements.