

Stephen F. Austin State University
**Criteria For Admission to Teacher Education
Post Baccalaureate Initial Certification Program**
Effective October 2007

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
2. GPA Requirements:
 - a. A GPA of 2.5* on all college/university coursework. (This GPA is calculated by our office using all undergraduate coursework plus any post graduate or graduate coursework, OR
 - b. A GPA of 2.75 in the last 60 hours of coursework, AND
 - c. A 2.5 in the teaching fieldThis GPA must be maintained in the teaching field and overall throughout the program.

***** ALL TEST SCORES MUST BE WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS*****

3. Basic Skills test score requirements:

Demonstrate skills in **reading** by submitting a score report for one of the following standardized tests:

- a. SAT total score of 1070-critical thinking and math only
- b. ACT composite score of 23
- c. GRE total score of 800 with at least 400 in verbal and 400 in quantitative.
- d. THEA/TASP Reading score of 245
- e. Accu-Placer reading score of 83

Demonstrate skills in **written communication** by submitting a score report for one of the following standardized tests:

- a. SAT total score of 1070-critical thinking and math only
- b. ACT composite score of 23
- c. GRE total score of 800 with at least 400 in verbal and 400 in quantitative
- d. THEA/TASP Writing score of 220
- e. Accu-Placer Writing Composition score of 6 or composition score of plus writing test score of 80

Demonstrate skills in **mathematics** by submitting a score report for one of the following standardized tests:

- a. SAT total score of 1070-critical thinking and math only
- b. ACT composite score of 23
- c. GRE total score of 800 with at least 400 in verbal and 400 in quantitative.
- d. THEA/TAP Math score 230
- e. Accu-placer Math score of 63

Basic skills requirement waived with Master's degree conferred.

4. Any individual admitted to teacher education who wished to substitute experience and/or professional training directly related to the certificate being sought for part of the preparation requirements may apply to the Dean for a committee review. The Dean will appoint a committee composed of professors from the teaching field and professional development to interview the person, review the person's resume, and make a decision.
5. Students must be given permission for a criminal background check. **
6. Students must be admitted to the graduate school.

* Requirements differ from Master's degree programs. Contact specific departments for GPA and other admission requirements if you are seeking a Master's degree.

** Convicted felons are not eligible for admission for Teacher Education.

These rules are subject to change by action of the State Board for Educator Certification or by the SFASU Teacher Education Council.