

Slippery Rock University College of Education
Early Childhood/Elementary Education Department & Special Education Department

Application for ADMISSION to Teacher Candidacy – Undergraduate Students

Application Deadlines: October 15 (to enter Block 1 in the spring) **or March 15** (to enter Block 1 in the fall)

Your advisor will not accept an incomplete application. Please follow directions listed on the back of this application.

Name: _____ Banner ID: _____

Local Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

I have read all directions for this form, and I am seeking: **FULL Admission** **TEMPORARY Admission (includes In-Progress courses)**

Section	Requirement	Criteria/Documentation	Student Initials	Advisor Initials		
FULL ADMISSION = applicants have ALL courses COMPLETED within sections A & B at the time of application. TEMPORARY ADMISSION = applicants have IN-PROGRESS (IP) course(s) during the current semester in which they apply for Teacher Candidacy.						
A	_____ ENGL 102: Critical Writing	<i>ENTER FINAL GRADE beside each course title. Minimum grade requirement of "C" for courses within this section. FOR COURSES THAT ARE IN-PROGRESS: Mark "IP" for any courses in which you are currently enrolled. Attach ROCK Audit with all courses highlighted.</i>				
	_____ ENGL 104: Critical Reading					
	_____ ELEC 100: Theory/Practice					
	_____ ELEC 200: Child Dev Typical					
	_____ ELEC 230: Field Based Child Dev					
B	_____ MATH 210: Elementary Math I	<i>ENTER FINAL GRADE beside each course title. PASSING grade ("D" or better) for courses within this section. FOR COURSES THAT ARE IN-PROGRESS: Mark "IP" if you are currently enrolled in MATH 310. Attach ROCK Audit with all courses highlighted.</i>				
	_____ MATH 310: Elementary Math II					
STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL QUALIFICATIONS BELOW FOR BOTH FULL & TEMPORARY ADMISSION						
C	CREDIT HOURS: 48 cr. completed by the end of <i>current semester.</i>	# CREDITS COMPLETED: _____ Attach ROCK Audit with Credits Earned highlighted.				
D	GPA: 2.80-2.99 ** If 2.80-2.99 GPA, indicate GPA and complete section E** GPA: 3.0 or higher ** If 3.0 GPA or higher, indicate GPA and skip to section F**	YOUR GPA: _____ Attach ROCK Audit with GPA highlighted.				
E	REQUIREMENTS FOR 2.80-2.99 GPA <i>Each category must be met.</i>	ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION FOR EACH CATEGORY: <i>Submit your applicable passing score or grade report(s) for Reading, Writing, & Math</i>				
	Reading - current PDE passing scores or A/B in ENGL 104	_____ ETS Core	_____ PAPA	_____ SAT	_____ ACT	_____ ENGL 104
	Writing - current PDE passing scores or A/B in ENGL 102	_____ ETS Core	_____ PAPA	_____ SAT	_____ ACT	_____ ENGL 102
	Mathematics - current PDE passing scores or A/B in MATH 210 & 310	_____ ETS Core	_____ PAPA	_____ SAT	_____ ACT	_____ MATH 210 _____ MATH 310
F	Act 126 – Child Abuse Recognition & Reporting Act	Attach copy of your completion certification from the on-line course				
G	Act 24 – Arrest /Conviction Report and Certification Form	Complete and sign Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification form. Attach the Act 24 form.				
H	Act 34 – Criminal History Record	Clear record verified within ONE (1) year of this application. Attach copy of the Response for Criminal Record Check with the "Date of Request" highlighted. Your ACT 34 expires ONE (1) year after the DATE OF REQUEST.				
I	Act 151 – Child Abuse History Clearance	Clear record verified within ONE (1) year of this application. Attach copy of the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance with "verification date" highlighted. Your Act 151 expires ONE (1) year after the VERIFICATION DATE.				
J	Act 114 – FBI Fingerprint Clearance	Clear record verified since admission or readmission to SRU. Attach verification form from your major department office with "FBI Clearance date" & "Record" highlighted.				
K	TB Screening	Negative test results within 3 months of application submission. Attach verification form with "test date" and "results" highlighted.				
L	Disposition Evaluation	All students should have obtained a disposition evaluation from a COE Faculty member related to a course. A PDF copy should be attached.				

TEACHER CANDIDATE VERIFICATION: I have completed this application and provided all required documentation. I have read and understand the RETENTION REQUIREMENTS on page 2.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADVISOR VERIFICATION: I have reviewed this application packet and I verify that each requirement has been met. Student can be coded. Temporary Admission reserved only for students with required courses in progress. Full admission granted after grades are awarded.

FULL Admission (COEA)

TEMPORARY Admission (COEA + CETP)

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHAIRPERSON VERIFICATION: This application has been reviewed by the Department Chair or Designated Representative.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Coded by: _____ Date: _____

Notes

- Use this application if you are in one of the following programs:
ELEC PK - 4 Teacher Certification OR Dual Major SPED PK - 12/ELEC PK - 4 Teacher Certification
- This application is due to your major department by **October 15 to register for spring Block 1 courses** and by **March 15 to register for fall Block 1 courses**. Students can apply for Teacher Candidacy at any time during the semester and are encouraged to apply as early as possible.
- **Your advisor will not accept incomplete applications and those not containing all documentation.**
- Students who do not meet Candidacy Admission requirements by the time they complete 60 credits **may not** take professional core courses and must either take steps to remediate and delay candidacy or change their major.
- **Your failure to meet deadlines will result in scheduling problems.**
- Any falsification of this application will result in your removal from the program and other university sanctions.
- A GPA of 3.0 is required for Candidacy admission with no further Basic Skills documentation.
- A GPA of 2.80-2.999 requires Basic Skills Documentation for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. BASIC SKILLS within each of the content areas can be demonstrated by a grade of A/B in ENGL 102, ENGL 104, and MATH 210 & 310. In addition to grades, passing scores on the PAPA, ETS Core, ACT or SAT exams are also acceptable. Please see the Four Phases of Teacher Education webpage for more information. **Documentation must be completed and submitted at the time of application for Teacher Candidacy.**
- Upon graduation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for teacher certification.
- The candidate is to secure a personal copy of the Teacher Education Policy Manual online from the College of Education's webpage.

Directions for Submitting this Application

1. Read/Review the entire application and directions. If you meet all requirements, complete the application. If you do not meet all requirements, do not complete the application.
2. Read and gather the materials for each block on the application. Follow directions for each block as indicated in the "Criteria/Documentation" column. Electronic PDF documentation is to be gathered as follows:
 - DOCUSIGN SUBMISSION: ROCK AUDIT (with relevant items highlighted), Act 126 Child Abuse Training Certificate, Act 24 Clearance, proof of negative TB test, and Disposition Form.
 - DOCUSIGN SUBMISSION: BASIC SKILLS DOCUMENTATION: For those with 2.8—2.999 GPA, submit evidence for each content area
 - MYSRU CLEARANCE PORTAL SUBMISSION: Act 34 Criminal History Record, Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance, and Act 114 FBI Fingerprint unofficial report (or receipt) with UEID number. **Volunteer clearances CANNOT be accepted.**
Remember to submit clear photocopies of all documents ... always keep your originals!
3. Meet with your advisor to review your application materials and answer any questions you have about the documentation requirements.
4. Complete the DocuSign application (link can be found on the Four Phases of Teacher Education webpage). This will be automatically sent to your advisor for their signature; it will then be forwarded to the Department Chairperson and finally sent to the Department Secretary for you to be entered as an official Teacher Candidate!

CLEARANCES

It is the student's responsibility to obtain clearances each year as required for various field-based courses, this application, and for Student Teaching. Schools may not accept clearances that are not valid for the entire field experience. Clearances expire one year after the date on which the clearance was issued. SRU has no governance over school district policies, which may require more recent clearances. Some clearances may take up to 8 weeks to be processed.

Please request new clearances EACH SUMMER to be prepared for your school year field experiences!

- ✓ Act 24 ARREST/CONVICTION REPORT AND CERTIFICATION FORMS
- ✓ Act 34 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
- ✓ Act 151 CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CLEARANCE
- ✓ Act 114 FBI FINGERPRINT EDUCATION
- ✓ Act 126 CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION & REPORTING ACT

Please see the Four Phases of Teacher Education (Phase II) for links to all clearances and explanation regarding application procedures:

<http://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/coe/four-phases-of-teacher-education>

RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

My signature on the front of this page indicates my acceptance of the information below

I am aware that under the regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I may be denied certification or employment if I am under indictment or have been convicted of a felony, or misdemeanor, or summary violation. Some examples are as follows: Aggravated assault, kidnapping, unlawful restraint, forcible rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, indecent exposure, concealing the death of an illegitimate child, endangering the welfare of children, dealing in infant children, prostitution and related offenses, dealing in obscene and other sexual materials, corruption of minors, sexual abuse of children; or if I have been convicted of other criminal offenses that have resulted in being fingerprinted by state or local authorities including those involving narcotics and intoxicating beverages.

Updated Act 34, Act 151 and FBI fingerprint reports are required as my program progresses.

I understand that civil and/or campus citations regarding law or university policy violations may result in my dismissal from teacher certification programs. I may also be counseled to withdraw from teacher certification programs based upon unproductive attitudes and behaviors related to work habits, interpersonal skills, personal hygiene, and/or professional demeanor. These dispositions may be found in the Teacher Education Policy Manual or on the Slippery Rock University College of Education homepage.

I am aware that I must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 in order to continue in a teacher education program. If I fall below a 2.8 GPA, I understand that I may be dismissed from the College of Education. Please see the Teacher Education Policy Manual for more information.