

## Requirements for Admission to Teacher Education Program (TEP I)

Applicants must meet the requirements in effect at the time of consideration for admission. Requirements are subject to change by the Teacher Education Committee effective on the first class day of any designated term.

1. Application form completed, signed, and on file.
2. Favorable recommendations on file from two Bethel University instructors (one education instructor and one instructor not in education).
3. Acceptable essay on applicant's interest in teaching (See instructions on form TEP I).
4. Passing scores on the PRAXIS I exam\*. The PRAXIS I is waived for students who score 22 or higher on the ACT or 920 or higher on the SAT.
5. Cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher.
6. Completion of EDU 210
7. Forty semester hours of college work completed, including 12 semesters hours at Bethel University.
8. All students as a part of the Teacher Education Program application will be required to complete and pass a criminal background history using fingerprint analysis through the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation before they can receive admission and participate in a field experience or student teaching.

\*Appeals Process: Students who fail to pass all of the PRAXIS I after having taken it twice may appeal to the Teacher Education Committee for a review of application for admission. Students who present strong credentials/evidence on all other admission criteria will be reviewed by the Teacher Education Committee for a conditional admission to the TEP.

## Requirements for Conditional Education Admission Status

1. Student must have achieved and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75.
2. Conditional admission status will be changed to full admission when:
  - a. Student successfully passes the PRAXIS I, or
  - b. Student is approved for TEP II.
3. Conditional admission status will be changed to rejection status when:
  - a. Student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.75, or
  - b. Student is placed on disciplinary probation.

## Requirements for Admission to Student Teaching (TEP II)

Applicants must meet the requirements in effect at the time of consideration for admission. Requirements are subject to change by the Teacher Education Committee effective on the first class day of any designated term. Application for student teaching must be filed with the Director of Student Teaching by January 31 or September 15 one semester before the student teaching semester. Candidates must have successfully completed:

1. TEP I
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
3. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in the major field
4. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in Professional Education minor
5. Professional education sequence (must be in progress if not completed)

6. No grade lower than a C applied to Professional Education minor
7. Satisfactory interview by the Teacher Education Committee
8. Evidence of having successfully completed all required PRAXIS II Licensure Exams for Tennessee (Principles of Learning and Teaching and specialty tests). These documents must be on file in the Education Office before a student may begin Student Teaching.

Note: No additional courses (including course by correspondence) or participation in sports, Renaissance, etc., may be taken concurrently with student teaching.

