



MEMORANDUM

TO: Teacher Candidates and Academic Departments
 RE: Temporary Praxis Requirements and GPA Requirements
 Date: July 25, 2022
 From: Teacher Education Services

Temporary Changes to Praxis Requirements to address the teacher shortage:

On July 12, 2022, the State Board of Education temporarily approved additional teacher testing options for individuals seeking initial certification after completion of an Alabama State-Approved Educator Preparation Program or for individuals seeking to begin an alternative certification approach. These modifications are being implemented to assist local education agencies and educator preparation providers as they work to increase the quantity of available teachers in Alabama.

The following is a breakdown of the changes from ALSDE. Look in the left column to see which information applies to you:

TEACHER CANDIDATE TYPE:	NEW PRAXIS SCORE INFORMATION:	WHAT STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN BY TEACHER CANDIDATE:
Fall 2021 Graduates that have not received certification from ALSDE due to a missing Praxis score.	There are now options available that include an alternate score and/or a Non-Professional Certificate applied for by a hiring Superintendent. If you submitted your certification application more than 6 months ago, you will need to submit a new application if you are now eligible with the new score option.	Email Kelly Murray in Teacher Education Services with questions. Email: kamurray@jsu.edu
Spring 2022 or Summer 2022 Graduates that have not received certification from ALSDE due to a missing Praxis score.	There are options now available that include an alternate score and/or a Non-Professional Certificate applied for by a hiring Superintendent. Since you recently graduated, your certification application is not more than 6 months old.	At this time, Kelly Murray is checking every Spring 2022 graduate to see which now qualify based on the new Praxis score options. Kelly Murray will contact you soon if you qualify.

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		If you have questions for Mrs. Murray, her email is kamurray@jsu.edu .
Alt A Candidates that are currently not unconditionally admitted due to a missing Praxis score.	<p>If an individual meets the required overall GPA for unconditional admission to the Alternative Class A Program, the -1 Standard Error of Measure score can be applied.</p> <p>If an individual does not meet the required overall GPA for unconditional admission to the Alternative Class A Program, the higher Praxis score is still required.</p>	<p>Kelly Murray is currently assessing the record of every Alt-A candidate that is not unconditionally admitted due to a missing Praxis score. Mrs. Murray will be reaching out to you if this new change allows you to be unconditionally admitted.</p> <p>If you have questions about this change, please email Mrs. Murray at kamurray@jsu.edu.</p>
Current Undergraduate or Graduate Teacher Candidates that have not passed the Praxis.	<p>You are encouraged to take your Praxis tests when your academic advisors/departments recommend you take them.</p> <p>The current changes from ALSDE apply to candidates that graduate between July 12, 2022 and June 30, 2024 and Alternative Class A candidates seeking unconditional admission.</p> <p>Also, these changes are temporary.</p>	If you have questions about which Praxis you should take or what the passing score is for your Praxis, contact your academic advisor or your department secretary for assistance.

The following is a list of current GPA requirements for teacher candidates based on whether you are an undergraduate or graduate candidate:

TEACHER CANDIDATE TYPE:	Grade Point Average (GPA) Policy:	WHAT STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN BY TEACHER CANDIDATE:
Undergraduate	<p>A student applying for admission to a Class B Teacher Education Program must have a 2.50 Grade Point Average (GPA) in (1) overall course work, (2) all courses in the teaching field, and (3) all professional studies courses, to be eligible for admission.</p> <p>The student should seek to maintain at least a 2.50 in all areas and MUST have a 2.50 in each of the three above-named areas to be eligible to graduate and apply for Alabama Teacher Certification.</p>	<p>If you have questions about your GPA, contact your academic advisor for assistance.</p>
Graduate	<p>A student applying for admission to an Alternative Class A Teacher Education Program, meet the following GPA requirements for prior degrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold an overall GPA of 2.50 or higher on an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution; <p>-OR-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Hold an overall GPA of 2.00-2.49 on an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution AND meet the alternate score on the PRAXIS subject-area test(s) prior to unconditional admission. <p>After unconditional admission, the student must maintain:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required on all courses used to meet the requirements on the ALSDE approved program checklist at the master's (Class A) level. 	<p>If you have questions about your GPA, contact your academic advisor for assistance.</p>

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	2. A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required on all courses used to meet the requirements on the ALSDE approved program checklist at the education specialist (Class AA) level.	