



**APPLICATION TO
THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

(Please read before filling out application)

In compliance with Pennsylvania Law, Act 354, all students entering School of Education programs beginning in 2004 must have and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or greater. All students seeking teacher certification in Pennsylvania must fulfill the requirements of the University for the Baccalaureate Degree as well as the professional education requirements of the School of Education. Students must also achieve passing scores, as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, on the required Praxis Teacher Examinations. The process and requirements for teacher certification are described in the Gannon Teacher Certification Handbook as well as the Gannon University catalog. To obtain specific information about certification in other states, students should review information online at each state's Department of Education.

Acceptance and enrollment at Gannon University does not automatically make one a candidate in the School of Education. Each student must apply for official admission to the School of Education. In addition, students must maintain professional standards as part of the PA Department of Education criteria to remain in the School of Education and be recommended for certification.

The Education Review Committee reviews applications for admissions to the School of Education two times a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Students who meet the admission criteria are recommended to the Director of the School of Education for admission.

Admission to the School of Education (All students are required to follow the program sequence for each semester.)

Academic Requirements

- Students must officially apply for admission to the School of Education when 48 credit hours have been earned, however students may make application in the semester in which the 48th credit hour will be earned.
- Elementary Education students within the 48 credit hour total, must have satisfactorily completed LENG 111, LENG 112, LENG 240 series, 6 credits of math (105 or above), and PSYC 111. In addition, students must complete EDCR 100, EDCR 101, and EDCR 103, with a minimum of C or greater and have passed EDFL 110. Students must also have completed EDCR 200, EDCR 201 and EDCR 202 with a C or better and have passed EDFL 210.
- Secondary Education students, within the 48 credit hour total, must have satisfactorily completed LENG 111, LENG 112, LENG 240 series, and 6 credits of math (105 or above). In addition, students must complete EDCR 101, EDCR 103 with a minimum of C or greater and have passed EDFL 101.
- Within the 48 credit hour total, students must have completed a minimum of 9 additional credit hours required in at least one area of teaching specializations (i.e., elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or secondary education concentration).
- Students must have obtained an overall grade point average of 3.0 or greater. Computation of the overall grade point average considers all coursework completed at the point of application to the program.
- Students must submit performance scores at or above the passing level on the Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. **The School of Education has no control or responsibility for the timely receipt of test scores.** Applications to the School of Education are assessed upon the most recent test scores on file. Students with learning disabilities may request adapted testing through Educational Testing Services who administer the Praxis.

Nontraditional Certification or Degree-Seeking Students

- Students with a BA or BS degree, who are returning for certification or an additional degree, must apply and be accepted through the Center for Adult Learning. In addition students must meet all PA Department of Education and University criteria for admission and apply to the School of Education.

Denial of Admission to the School of Education

- Students who fail to meet the required criteria for admission to the School of Education will need to pursue other program options. When circumstances warrant, students may be granted one provisional semester of admittance to correct deficiencies as deemed appropriate by the Education Review Committee.

Retention in the School of Education

Once admitted to the School of Education, candidates must abide by the following retention policies to remain in the program:

- **Candidates must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or greater in all coursework.**
- Candidates must successfully complete field practicum requirements prescribed in the chosen teaching specialization(s).
- Candidates must demonstrate consistent behaviors that are perceived to be suitable and appropriate for teaching and managing instruction in diverse learning environments.
- Candidates must meet the Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements in order to be eligible for recommendation for state certification.
- Candidates must complete specialty Praxis examinations prior to application for state certification.
- The Director of the School of Education may recommend re-evaluation of status for any candidate previously admitted to the program when evidence exists that the individual may be unsuitable for the teaching profession.

I have read and accept the above criteria and requirements for application to Gannon University School of Education:

Signature _____

Date _____

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Name: _____ Gannon ID#: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address:

_____ Street City State Zip

Local Address:

_____ Street City State Zip

Permanent Phone: (____) _____ Local Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Gannon E-mail Address: _____ Preferred E-mail Address: _____

Major: _____

Other Colleges/Universities Attended: _____ Dates _____

Present Semester/Year: ____ Year entered Gannon: ____ Anticipated Date of Graduation ____

Number of credits completed (must be at least 48): _____

Present GPA (must be 3.0 or greater): _____

Praxis I Results (must have passed all three)

PPST Reading Date: _____ Score: _____ Pass/Fail: _____

PPST Writing Date: _____ Score: _____ Pass/Fail: _____

PPST Mathematics Date: _____ Score: _____ Pass/Fail: _____

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (checklist to be completed by advisor)

The student entered Gannon University in the year 2000:

LE 111 _____ ED 101 _____
ED 102 _____ ED 100 _____
HY 111 _____ ED 103 _____
EF 110 _____

Students in the dual-certification program must also have completed:

ED 200 _____ ED 202 _____
ED 201 _____ EF 210 _____

The student entered Gannon University in the year 2001:

LE 111 _____ HY 111 _____
ED 100 _____ ED 101 _____
ED 102 _____ ED 103 _____
EF 110 _____

Students in the dual-certification program must also have completed:

ED 200 _____ ED 201 _____
ED 202 _____ EF 210 _____

The student entered Gannon University in the year 2002:

LE 111 _____ HY 111 _____
ED 100 _____ ED 101 _____
ED 102 _____ ED 103 _____
EF 110 _____

Students in the dual-certification program must also have completed:

ED 200 _____ ED 201 _____
ED 202 _____ EF 210 _____

The student entered Gannon University in the year 2003:

LENG 111 _____ EDCR 102 _____
PSYC 111 _____ EDCR 103 _____
EDCR 100 _____ EDCR 101 _____
EDFL 110 _____

Students in the dual-certification program must also have completed:

EDCR 200 _____ EDCR 201 _____
EDFL 210 _____ EDCR 202 _____

The student entered Gannon University in the year 2004 or after:

LENG 111 _____ LENG 112 _____ LENG 240 series _____
MATH 105 _____ MATH 106 _____ PSYC 111 _____
EDCR 100 _____ EDCR 101 _____
EDCR 103 _____ EDFL 110 _____

Students in the dual-certification program must also have completed:

EDCR 200 _____ EDCR 201 _____ EDCR 202 _____
EDFL 210 _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director, School of Education: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

ESSAY

The purpose of this essay is to evaluate the quality of your writing. It will be scored using the PA Writing Assessment Analytical Scoring Guide. Please attach a typed copy of your essay here. The essay should tell us why you want to be a teacher or why you want to attain a teaching certificate.

Transcript

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