

COLLABORATIVE TEACHER SPE 6-12 - 2023-Current

University of South Alabama – College of Education and Professional Studies - Department of Leadership and Teacher Education

Praxis Requirement Information

- Praxis II test requirements are subject to change as dictated by the ALSDE. Prior to registering for any Praxis II exam, please verify current requirements by going directly to the ALABAMA portion of the Praxis II website at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/al>.

University and College Requirements

- **Writing Requirement** – The University requires that a candidate for graduation must have completed two designated writing credit courses at USA, with at least one course chosen from offerings in the candidate's major or minor. Courses meeting this requirement are designated with a (W) after the course title in the "Courses" section of the University Bulletin. Individuals who transfer in credit to substitute for a course(s) designated as a (W) course must meet the writing requirement by taking a (W) course(s) at USA.
- **Transient Approval** – Students must have prior approval (obtained in the Advising Center) to enroll as a transient student at another institution. A maximum of 60 semester hours (or 50% of total hours required for the program) may be accepted from a two-year institution.
- **Residency Requirement** – A candidate for graduation must complete a minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree through instruction offered by the University of South Alabama in upper-division course work (300 and 400 levels).
- **LiveText Assessment**–The College of Education uses student portfolio assessment as a part of program requirements and assessment of student learning outcomes. Students majoring the College of Education are required to purchase the license to use LiveText beginning with the first College of Education course (which contains teacher education standards) taken and continue to use the software throughout their program of study. For more information: <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/livetext.html>

Teacher Candidacy Admission Requirements for COLLABORATIVE TEACHER 6-12 Majors in Leadership and Teacher Education

Hours:

- 60 program hours. A minimum of 12 semester hours must be taken at USA.

GPA Requirements:

- 2.50 Minimum Overall GPA (All work attempted at USA.) (2.50 Minimum Overall GPA required for graduation/certification.)
- 2.50 Minimum Program GPA (All courses used on this Advising Sheet, including transfer work.)
- 2.50 Minimum Professional Studies GPA (All courses used in the Professional Studies area, including transfer work.)
- 2.50 Minimum Teaching Field GPA (All courses used in the Teaching Field, including transfer work.)
- No grade below a "C" will be accepted in Professional Studies or Teaching Field courses.
- A grade of D, F or U earned in any course which requires Candidacy will result in removal from Candidacy.

Course Requirements:

- 4 x 12: Completion of the following courses are required of K-6 Elementary, Early Childhood, Collaborative K-6 & 6-12, Early Childhood Special Education certification - 12 semesters hours in each of the four areas: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science with a grade of C or better.
- CA 110, EH 101, EH 102, EDM 310, EDU 330, EDU 400 and EPY 351, including the ePortfolio assessment, in these courses.

Other requirements:

- Proof of clear SDE fingerprinting/background check and professional liability insurance.
- Completion of online Candidacy application.
- Completion of a satisfactory departmental interview with your assigned advisor. Recommendation of advisor and department chairperson.
- Sufficient physical ability and emotional stability to perform as a teacher.
- Declare content specialization for teaching field from: English, General Science, Math or Social Science (see list below).

Application/Admission Information:

- Candidacy applications are required one semester prior to enrolling in classes that require Candidacy. The intent is for students to apply for Candidacy AND meet with their advisor prior to registration to enable appropriate planning decisions for upcoming semesters.
- Students approaching eligibility will receive a link to the online application in their JagMail.
- After final grades are posted and all requirements are verified as met, the Office of Student Services will notify students by JagMail when they are admitted to Candidacy. Students will then be able to register for Candidacy courses.