

## Alternative Certification Programs

Individuals who hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution and wish to become certified in one of the teacher preparation fields offered in the College of Education should contact the Director of Clinical and Field Experiences for an evaluation of their academic work. Following this evaluation, the individual will be notified of the courses and experiences required in order to become eligible for a recommendation of certification. These courses and experience will vary widely based on the individual's previous academic work. Graduate professional education courses in the early childhood, middle grades, and secondary programs may not be utilized for initial certification. To be recommended for certification, the student must:

1. Earn a grade of "C" or better on all courses required to meet certification requirements.
2. Earn a passing score on the PRAXIS I examination at the following scores:  
**CBE:** Mathematics 321; Reading 322; and Writing 321.  
**Pre-professional:** Mathematics 176; Reading 176; and Writing 174.
3. Earn cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on all previous course work required to meet certification requirements.
4. Have a record free of criminal, disciplinary, and psychological problems.
5. Have verification of physical health appropriate to the requirements of a classroom teacher.
6. Earn a passing score on the PRAXIS II examination in the appropriate certification field.
7. Complete the application process for certification.