

## First-Year Students Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. Who is my advisor?**

**A:** If your intended major is Early Childhood Education (P-5), Middle Grades Education (4-8), or Secondary Education (6-12), you will be assigned a Pre-Admit Advisor until you are admitted into the Teacher Education program. After you are admitted, you will be assigned an advisor within your major department. See the “Advisors” link on our website for an updated list.

### **Q. When do I need to see my advisor?**

**A:** You should consult your advisor at least once per semester to discuss your progress through the program and other program requirements.

### **Q: What is the Regents' Test?**

**A:** All students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs in the University System of Georgia must address the Regents' reading and writing requirement to graduate. Students who have satisfactorily completed English 1101 or 1113 or have earned 20 hours of credit must take the Regents' Test the next semester in which they are enrolled unless they exempt the test. For a complete discussion of the Regents' Tests and exemption criteria, see the ASU Catalog.

### **Q. What are the requirements for admission into the Teacher Education program?**

**A:** Admission to teacher education is separate from admission to Augusta State University. For the minimum criteria for admission to teacher education, please see the ASU Catalog for the year in which you entered.

### **Q: What is the GACE basic skills assessment?**

**A:** Students must have passing scores on the GACE basic skills assessment or provide proof of exemption for admission into the teacher education program. You may be exempt from GACE basic skills assessment by SAT scores of at least 1000 (combined verbal and math) or ACT scores of at least 43 (combined English and math). Check with the undergraduate admissions coordinator at [http://www.aug.edu/teacher\\_admission/](http://www.aug.edu/teacher_admission/) for exemption scores or [SAT/ACT Recentering Chart](#) if you took the SAT prior to April 1, 1995, or ACT prior to 1989. Please see the [Professional Standards Commission \(PSC\) website](#) (<http://www.gapsc.com/>) for possible alternative exemption tests.

**\*Please note:** If you are exempt from the GACE basic skills assessment and your scores are not in our student information system (BANNER) you will need to submit a copy of your SAT or ACT score report with your admission application to the teacher education program.

**Q: If I am not exempt from GACE Basic Skills Assessment, when should I take the tests?**

**A:** Your advisor may recommend that you take GACE Basic Skills Assessment in the semester **prior** to the semester in which you will be applying to the Teacher Education program. Generally, students will schedule the GACE Basic Skills Assessment after they have completed ENGL 1102 and the second General Education MATH course (when these courses are taken during the second semester). Please see your advisor for specific recommendations within your program area. For additional information on GACE Basic Skills Assessment and test dates, see [GACE \(www.gace.nesinc.com\)](http://www.gace.nesinc.com).

**Q: When should I take EDUC 2110 and EDUC 2130?**

**A:** You may take EDUC 2110 after you have completed ENGL 1102. EDUC 2130 and EDUC 2110 are designed to be taken separately, together or one before the other (i.e., EDUC 2130 may be taken before, with, or after EDUC 2110). Typically, students take the courses in their sophomore year. You do not need to complete all the general education requirements prior to registering for EDUC 2110 and EDUC 2130.

**Please note:** EDUC 2110 and EDUC 2130 are new courses for FALL 2007 and serve as pre-requisites for admission to teacher education. New requirements for admission to teacher education are available in the 2007-2008 ASU Catalog.

**Q: Do I need to complete all of my general education classes before I can be admitted into the Teacher Education program?**

**A:** Yes, you must complete all core classes in Areas A – F with a “C” or better including ECUC 2110, EDUC 2120, and EDUC 2130 before being admitted into our program.

**Q: Do I need to complete my wellness requirements prior to entering the Teacher Education program?**

**A:**  
While completion of the wellness courses is not a requirement for admission to Teacher Education, you are strongly encouraged to complete your wellness requirements prior to entering the Teacher Education program due to scheduling conflicts between wellness courses and field experience requirements.

**Q: When should I apply to the Teacher Education Program?**

**A:** You should apply to a teacher education program early in the semester in which you will be completing all the requirements for admission. Applications are accepted in the Fall and Spring and deadlines are posted on the following website [http://www.aug.edu/teacher\\_admission/](http://www.aug.edu/teacher_admission/). Applications are available on the information wall inside the Teacher Education Suite (University Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor), or you can print one from the Teacher Education website. Your advisor in the program into which you are applying must sign the application.