

Augusta State University
Department of Teacher Education

Requirements for Apprenticeship Experiences

The apprenticeship experience is the culminating activity in all of the teacher preparation programs. Successful completion of this experience is required of all undergraduate students seeking a degree and certification in a teacher preparation field of study. In this experience, a student spends an entire semester working with a master teacher in a school classroom. At the end of this semester's experience, students are expected to demonstrate all of the prerequisite skills required of an entry-level teacher. Criteria for admission to the Apprenticeship Semester are:

- Completion of all course work in the major area of study.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on all course work.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on all upper division course work in the major (ECED, MGED, SPED). For secondary and P-12 education majors, a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 is required on all content courses utilized as part of the major and a cumulative grade point of at least 3.0 is required on all professional education courses.
- Successful completion of the Comprehensive Portfolio.
- A record free of criminal, disciplinary, and psychological problems.
- Verification of physical health appropriate to the requirements of a classroom teacher.
- The written recommendation of the student's academic advisor.
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Due to the intensive nature of the experience, students may not enroll in any additional coursework.