



TEPAR FAQs

How do I apply?

This is a confidential application and the information contained herein will be used only by university officials for official purposes. Be sure to complete all items and give all information requested. An application will not be considered if it is incomplete. This application becomes an official university document when it is electronically signed and submitted by the applicant, and deliberate falsification may result in disciplinary action. To access this application, you must have a TaskStream account. You will enroll in the TEPAR program using the code found on the School of Education's MOODLE link. Once you have uploaded each component, you will submit your application to the TEPAR Committee.

What is the Praxis test?

The Praxis tests replaced the National Teachers Examinations, which were formerly required. They are similar to many standardized tests, such as the ACT, SAT or the GRE, and are made up of multiple sections. Praxis I includes assessments in the academic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics. The Content Knowledge test assesses a student's knowledge of the information s/he will be teaching.

When should I consider applying?

The semester before you complete 45 hours you should begin the process by taking the PRAXIS test. PRAXIS tests are given on selected Saturdays locally each semester. It may take as long as 6-8 weeks to get your results, however. You may also take the exam by computer at Prometric Testing Center, but must make an appointment ahead of time. After the computer test, they are able to tell you immediately whether you passed the Reading and Math sections; however, you will have to wait for the official results of the Writing section to be sent to you. This whole process can take several months, depending on the availability of appointments and the speed of the Educational Testing Service in sending out scores.

How often does the Committee meet to consider applications?

The Committee meets three times a year, once each semester (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

How is my GPA calculated?

All college work from all institutions attended are used to calculate GPA. Therefore, it is important to list all schools attended on the application form and make sure that transcripts from other schools have been received in the registrar's office.

If I have a 2.49 GPA, will it be rounded off?

No. If your GPA is low, begin talking to your advisor now to see how you can raise it.

How will I be notified of the committee's decision?

You will receive a TaskStream notification of acceptance or denial.

How many students are accepted into the Program each semester?

There is no set number or limit to the number of students that can be accepted. Every student who applies and is approved by the Committee is accepted into the Program.

Who do I speak with about admission to TEPAR for Alternative Certification Students?

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