

# **SUGGESTED TIMELINE FOR PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LIBERAL STUDIES MAJORS**

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## **FIRST YEAR**

- ✓ Determine which teaching license you want
  - Elementary: PK-6 ONLY
  - Middle: 6-8 ONLY
  - Both: PK-6 AND 6-8
  - Special Education: SPED PK-12
- ✓ Take prerequisite courses (based on endorsement area) and have a “C” or better
  - Elementary/Middle/Both
    - EDUC 245
    - EDUC 260
    - ENGL 150
  - Special Education
    - SPED 202
    - ENGL 150
- ✓ Maintain an Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Attend the required Practicum I (EDUC 265 or EDUC 270) Orientation hosted by the OPS
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
  - Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates do not complete Practicum I
- ✓ Meet the application and requirements deadline established by the OPS for Practicum I
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
  - Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates do not complete Practicum I
- ✓ Take the appropriate General Education and Liberal Studies courses

## **SUMMER SESSION AFTER FIRST YEAR**

- ✓ Complete Practicum I (EDUC 265 or EDUC 270 depending on catalog year)
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
  - Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates do not complete Practicum I

## **SOPHOMORE YEAR**

- ✓ Meet requirements for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program by the OPS deadline
- ✓ Submit qualifying test scores to the OPS
  - ACT (24 composite score, with 22 on math and 46 on English/Reading) OR
  - SAT (1100 composite score, with 530 on both verbal and math subtests) OR
  - Praxis I (532 composite score) OR
  - VCLA (470 composite score, with 235 on both reading and writing subtests) AND
    - Praxis I Math (score of 178) OR
    - ACT Math (score of 22) OR
    - SAT Math (score of 530)
- ✓ Attend the required Practicum II (EDUC 270) Orientation hosted by the OPS
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
- ✓ Meet the application and requirements deadline established by the OPS for Practicum II
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
- ✓ Maintain an Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Take the appropriate General Education and Liberal Studies courses

- ✓ Apply for SPED Partnership Semester
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates

### **SUMMER SESSION AFTER SOPHOMORE YEAR**

- ✓ Complete Practicum II (EDUC 370)
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates

### **DURING JUNIOR YEAR**

- ✓ Complete all General Education and Liberal Studies courses
- ✓ Complete SPED Partnership semester (fall of junior year)
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates
- ✓ Attend the required Practicum II (SPED 327) Orientation hosted by the OPS
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates
- ✓ Meet the application and requirements deadline established by the OPS for Practicum II
- ✓ Meet the application and requirements deadline for Partnership (one semester in advance)
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
- ✓ Complete Partnership semester (as early as second semester junior year)
  - This only applies to PK-6 and 6-8 teacher candidates
- ✓ Maintain an Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Maintain a Major GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Meet the application and requirements deadline for Student Teaching (one year in advance)
- ✓ Consult program area about the licensure assessments schedule (VCLA, VRA/RVE, Praxis II)
- ✓ File degree application with Registrar (one year before expected graduation date)

### **SUMMER SESSION AFTER JUNIOR YEAR**

- ✓ Complete Practicum II (SPED 327)
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates

### **DURING SENIOR YEAR**

- ✓ Maintain an Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Maintain a Major GPA of 2.5 or higher
- ✓ Complete Partnership semester (first semester, if still needed)
- ✓ Complete the required assessments for licensure according to the program area's schedule
- ✓ Submit copies of all assessments to the OPS
- ✓ Complete the online Child Abuse Module and submit certificate of completion to the OPS
- ✓ Attend the required Seminar Day training for teacher candidates
- ✓ Complete 15 weeks of student teaching placement as appropriate for licensure area(s)
- ✓ Attend Wrap-Up Day for teacher candidates to complete licensure application packet
- ✓ Apply for admission to the Special Education graduate program
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates
- ✓ Apply for graduate internship (SPED 690)
  - This only applies to Special Education PK-12 teacher candidates

### **SPECIAL NOTE TO TRANSFER STUDENTS AND/OR TEACHER CANDIDATES WHO EXPERIENCE SOME TYPE OF DELAY WITH ADMISSION TO TEACHER PREP:**

Please discuss your situation with your advisor, program area and the OPS as soon as possible to make alternate plans.