

# DEGREE INFORMATION: TEACHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PORTALS

## PORTAL ONE: Declaration of a Major

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A student who selects a teacher education program, as a major but has not yet enrolled in EDUC 200 has entered Portal One. First-time freshmen are advised in the Office of Freshman Advising for a maximum of one year. Once a freshman has declared a major, earned a minimum of 12 credit hours, earned an overall GPA of 2.5, and successfully completed any required developmental coursework, they will be transferred to the academic department of their chosen major for advising. Students not meeting these requirements will remain in the Office of Freshman Advising until 24 credit hours are earned. Assignment to a teacher education advisor does not imply acceptance into a teacher education program.

## PORTAL TWO: Admission to a Teacher Education Program

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### Prerequisites

Students must meet the following Portal Two requirements to be admitted into a teacher education program:

- Officially declare a major in a teacher education program;
- Complete 30 semester hours of coursework with a minimum overall GPA of 2.5;
- Grade of A or S in EDUC 110;
- Grade of C or better in EDUC 204;
- Grade of C or better in ENGL 101 and ENGL 102;
- Grade of C or better in MATH 113;
- Grade of C or better in all required EDTC, EDUC, PSYC, and SPED courses completed at the time of EDUC 200 packet submission;
- Grade of C or better in primary teaching area for those with a K-12 or secondary education concentration;
- One of the following:
  - o ACT  $\geq$  22;
  - o SAT  $\geq$  1100 combined Evidence-Based Reading and Writing + Math; or
  - o Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (pass all three):
    - Reading (#5713) with a score  $\geq$  156;
    - Writing (#5723) with a score  $\geq$  162; and
    - Mathematics (#5733) with a score  $\geq$  150.
- Completion and approval of the EDUC 200 application for admissions packet, which consists of the following:
  - o Admission Application Form;
  - o Professional Conduct 1 Form;
  - o Student Pre-Collegiate Narrative and Graded Rubric from EDUC 204/MUED 226;
  - o Official copy of ACT, SAT, or Praxis scores;
  - o EDUC 200 Seminar Certificate of Completion; and
  - o Mandatory Reporter Certificate.

*Additional information on admission to a teacher education program may be obtained from the Department of Education Professions, an advisor, or from the Office of Student Teaching and Professional Education Services (ST/PES).*

### Privileges

Credit for EDUC 200 and Ability to enroll in 300/400 level education courses.

## **PORTAL THREE: Assignment to Teacher Residency**

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The teacher education candidate prepares for teacher residency by completing all required content area and preliminary professional education courses and passing all licensure tests. EDUC 300 must be taken the semester prior to the first semester of teacher residency. In EDUC 300, students will submit all required test scores, a teacher residency license application, and other materials necessary prior to beginning the residency.

### **Prerequisites**

In order to fulfill the requirements of EDUC 300 and be eligible to begin the teacher residency, the following must be completed:

- MSU application for teacher residency;
- Junior standing;
- Minimum scores on Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam and content area exam, if applicable (refer to program in catalog or contact Department of Education Professions for specific exam requirements);
- Grade of C or better in all content area and professional education courses;
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5;
- All prerequisite required methods courses; **and**
- Application for Teacher Residency Certificate from the state.

### **Privilege**

Teacher residency assignment.

## **PORTAL FOUR: Recommendation for Graduation and Certification**

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A candidate who successfully completes two consecutive semesters of teacher residency **and** holds a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 should have completed all requirements for graduation and certification. The candidate's department will check all graduation requirements and recommend that candidate for graduation. The Office of Student Teaching and Professional Education Services will assist candidates in completing an application for certification. The McNeese State University certification specialist will review the application for completion of all requirements and then forward to the Louisiana Department of Education with the recommendation that the candidate be certified.

### **Prerequisite**

Successful completion of all graduation and certification requirements.

### **Privilege**

Recommendation for graduation and state certification.