

## Spring 2024 Department of Teacher Education

### Elementary and Mid-Level Education

#### Admission to Teacher Education Program Application, Overview, and Admission Interviews

You may access all necessary links and forms at:

[https://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/admission/check-point-](https://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/admission/check-point-1.dot)

[1.dot](#) (Professional Education Programs Office -> Admission -> Checkpoint 1). I have included the item number from the Admission Checkpoint 1 list above with the information below.

#### Meet Eligibility Requirements (Checkpoint 1 #2, 3, 4)

- Completed at least 30 hours
- Overall GPA at least 2.7 (including all transfer work) as calculated by A-State
- C or better in both Freshman English I & II, Oral Communications, Intro to Education, and approved math course for your program (Col Alg, Qual Reasoning, Intro to Stat or higher level math)

#### Online Application for Admission (Checkpoint 1 #1)

Is completed online. You will upload your documents (saved as PDFs only) and complete the application at this link (also available at the above webpage). *Please do not start this online application until you have the Ethics and EDA documents ready to submit.*

[https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5pwGhesazly3B9s](https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pwGhesazly3B9s)

Approved Arkansas State Police (ASP) and Federal Background Check and the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Background Check through the Arkansas Department of Education (Checkpoint 1 #9)

**You need to begin the multiple Background checks in a timely manner to have them cleared by the date of your admission interview; this can take several weeks.** Information about the process is available at the Checkpoint 1 link above. Please read the document carefully; *all information you need for submission is there.* Your fingerprints must be from an approved LiveScan location as listed on the form. Fingerprints from other locations do not connect to the Arkansas Department of Education system and are not recorded.

You may have completed background checks for other purposes such as child care or substitute teaching. If you have completed background checks for positions OTHER than AR public schools, you will most likely have to submit these again following the DESE requirements. You can check the link below to determine if your background checks are in the DESE system. Only background checks in the DESE system will be considered appropriate for admission.

You are able to check the progress of your approvals by logging onto <https://aels.ade.arkansas.gov/AELS/Account/TeacherLogin.aspx>.

PAY ATTENTION to the name/email you used to create the background check paperwork (including if you used your middle name or initial, capitalization); you will need to use the same exact name in this next step.

### Professional Ethics Assessment (Checkpoint 1 #6)

You will need to complete the Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB)  
- The Code of Ethics Training Video (2018) [#ERC19048](#).

- Read the Rules for Professional Ethics, including the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators.  
[https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/ADE\\_291\\_2022\\_Code\\_of\\_Ethics\\_Final\\_EEF.pdf](https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/ADE_291_2022_Code_of_Ethics_Final_EEF.pdf)
- Register for an account with AR IDEAS at <https://ideaslms.aetn.org/>
  - Use the same EXACT name/email you used to submit your background check paperwork.~~
  - In the Choose Organization, scroll down to Teacher Education programs and select Arkansas State University.
- Once your account is created you can then search for the training 19048 (Do not use ERC in the search box.).~~
- Complete the training as directed.
- Download your certificate of completion; you will upload your PDF certificate with the online application.

~~NOTE: If you have difficulty creating your AR IDEAS Account, verify you are using the same information used for your Background Checks; if you are certain that is correct, please contact the AR IDEAS Help Desk – information is available on the AR IDEAS Home page.

If you have difficulty finding 19048 and you have completed AR IDEAS training in a role other than licensed teacher, please contact the AR IDEAS Help Desk – they may need to change your account configuration. Neither Dr. Grymes or your advisor can create your AR IDEAS account so please contact the AR IDEAS Help Desk if needed!

### Educator Disposition Assessment (EDA) (Checkpoint 1 # 5)

We track dispositions from program admission to completion. If you took Intro to Education at A-State you may use the EDA you completed for that class. If you are not familiar with the EDA, you should review the EDA video here: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYij3N55PX> (password is admission).

An EDA form is available at the Checkpoint 1 link above. You need to download and save it to your device; open it from your device in Adobe Reader (NOT a browser like Chrome); complete it; SAVE IT AGAIN to your device. A completed EDA means that you have scored yourself using the dropdown menu on all 9 indicators AND completed the reflection at the end.

THIS IS SCORED:

Disposition	Needs Improvement	Assessment
1. Demonstrates Effective Oral Communication Skills	0	
score = 2 ↑	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not consistently model Standard English as evidenced by making major errors	

THIS IS NOT SCORED:

Disposition	Needs Improvement	Assessment
1. Demonstrates Effective Oral Communication Skills	0	
score = NA ↑	<input type="checkbox"/> Does not consistently model Standard English as evidenced by making major errors	

PLEASE NOTE: the EDA must be uploaded as a PDF only.

PLEASE NOTE – trying to fill the EDA form out in a browser means the form is likely to NOT save your data; you will upload a blank document; you will not be ready for admission.

Complete the Admission Technology Checkpoint Survey (Checkpoint 1 #7)

Available at the Checkpoint 1 URL above or here:

[https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9LefSUDwLiO4TwG](https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LefSUDwLiO4TwG)

Verification of Receipt of Mission and Values – part of the online application  
(Checkpoint 1 # 8, 10)

“Verification that a copy of the Mission & Values, Teacher Education Outcomes and Arkansas Teaching Standards was received” -- I direct you to the *Teacher Education Handbook* which provides an overview of aspects of your program, including the Mission, Values, Outcomes, and Arkansas Teaching Standards, as well as policies related to the field experiences/internships and licensure. You will find the Handbook here: <http://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/index.dot> on the right side of the page. The verification question is part of the online application.

Application submission and Clarification of Teacher Education Admission/Retention Standards (Checkpoint 1 # 8)

The Clarification is part of this online application.

Application for Admission Signature Verification (Checkpoint 1 #11)

The “Application for Admission Signature Verification” will be provided to you to complete during the Admission Overview/Interview.

**ADMISSION INTERVIEW** (Checkpoint 1 #11)

Please register for the Admission Interview at the link below. I will use the registration information provided in the survey above to provide logistics about the interview including the location, the agenda, and expectations for you.

[https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0p4CrYveSDDF2Ps](https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0p4CrYveSDDF2Ps)