

**FALL 2022 Department of Teacher Education
Admission to Teacher Education Program
Application, Overview, and Admission Interviews.**

ADMISSION PACKET

The admission packet and all processes are completed online and through the Blackboard organization Admission to Teacher Education.

If you cannot access that organization AND you are registered for A-State classes AND your major is Elementary or Mid Level Education, please contact Dr. Grymes grymesj@astate.edu. If you are changing your major, it must be ELED or MLED in Banner in order for you to access the organization. Please complete this step if needed ASAP. You will not be able to access the Blackboard Organization until you are registered for classes at A-State (Jonesboro).

Information about admission is available here: <http://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/admission/check-point-1.dot>. You will access the application packet forms in the Blackboard Organization. If you need assistance with working in the Blackboard organization, you may access a video here: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cr1TqIV1xia>

1. Educator Disposition Assessment

If you took TE 2003 at A-State, you should have your completed *EDA* (*Educator Disposition Assessment*) you completed in class to upload into the Blackboard organization for admission. If you are transferring into A-State this fall (WELCOME!), you need to review the video about the *EDA*, complete the *EDA*, and upload your completed *EDA* prior to your admission interview. In both cases, I recommend being able to access a copy of your completed *EDA* during the admission interview. You may access it electronically or bring a hard copy – no one else needs it but you. You may watch the *EDA* video here: <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYij3N55PX> (password is admission). An *EDA* form is available in the Blackboard Organization in the Admission Forms Folder. 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; then upload it to Blackboard where indicated. A completed *EDA* means that you have scored yourself using the dropdown menu on all 9 indicators AND completed the reflection at the end.

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.

2. NO test scores required!

If you were not aware, the Basic Skills test requirements (Like minimum ACT scores or Praxis CORE) **are no longer required for admission!**

3. Approved Arkansas State Police (ASP) and Federal Background Check and the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Background Check through the Arkansas Department of Education

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 link

<http://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/admission/check-point-1.dot>. 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 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 you used to create the background check paperwork (including if you used your middle name or initial, capitalization) because you will need to use the same exact name in this next step.

4. Professional Ethics Assessment

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

- Read the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators
[https://adecm.ade.arkansas.gov/Attachments/Code_of_Ethics_for_Arkansas_Educators_\(Effective_7-3-20\)_155732.pdf](https://adecm.ade.arkansas.gov/Attachments/Code_of_Ethics_for_Arkansas_Educators_(Effective_7-3-20)_155732.pdf)
- Register for an account with AR IDEAS at <https://ideaslms.aetn.org/>
 - Use the same EXACT name 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.)
- Complete the training as directed
- Download your certificate of completion and upload that into the Blackboard organization where indicated.

5. Summer Grades

If you are completing courses during the summer that are either courses you need for admission (Freshman English I or II, College Algebra or Quantitative

Reasoning, Introduction to Education, Oral Communication/Public Speaking) OR you need for GPA purposes (2.7 overall), you may go through the admission process but will need to provide documentation to Dr. Grymes by uploading a transcript with the grades ASAP into Blackboard. You will not be admitted until proof of grades are submitted.

6. Verification of Receipt of Mission and Values

The "Verification that a copy of the Mission & Values, Teacher Education Outcomes and Arkansas Teaching Standards was received" will happen during the Orientation. If you are transferring to A-State (or never paid attention before), I direct you to the *Teacher Education Handbook* which provides an overview of aspects of your program, especially those related to the field experiences/internships and licensure. You will find that here: <http://www.astate.edu/a/prof-ed-programs-office/index.dot> on the right side of the page.

7. Application submission and Clarification of Teacher Education Admission/Retention Standards

This document is accessed at the top of the "Submit Admission Documents" folder; this is a link that will take you to an online form. Complete this application after you have uploaded and met the other requirements for admission. The Clarification document is part of this form.

8. Application for Admission Signature Verification

The "Application for Admission Signature Verification" Page is available in Blackboard. This comes with you to the Admission Interview. Complete the top half (meaning the top section with personal information AND the section about Felony convictions); this needs to include your A-State student ID # and student email. This is not submitted in Blackboard!

OVERVIEW AND ADMISSION INTERVIEW

A one-hour overview is scheduled for the hour preceding the Admission interviews. You will need to register for an interview using the link below. Closer to the date, usually about a week before, I will send out finalized information about logistics (where to go, what to expect, reminders about what to bring). You need to register for an admission interview so I am able to contact you about the interview and review your admission status.

Scheduled overview and interview (Overview is the first hour, the interview is next hour and half to two hours):

Thursday June 23: 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Thursday June 23: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday July 29: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Thursday July 29: 12 noon – 3 p.m.
Tuesday August 2: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday August 2: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday August 4: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Thursday, August 4: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Click here to access the Registration Survey:

https://astate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bypca1Q2PIP8KKq