

# Application for Admission

## Bachelor of Science in Education

Certification in Elementary and Special Education  
General Curriculum P-5



GORDON  
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## About the Program

A maximum number of qualified junior year candidates will be admitted each fall semester for the program. The schedule of the program of studies is listed below. This will lead to certification in early childhood and special education general curriculum (P-5). **Note the requirement includes a summer semester.** Candidates will participate in cohorts for all coursework, including field experiences and teaching internships (900 hours total) to be arranged with area elementary school partners. Graduates must also complete Georgia certification requirements including passing scores on appropriate GACE tests.

### Admission Procedures

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Education Program is granted on a space-available basis. Applications that meet all admission requirements will be ranked according to their qualifications and admitted in order of their rank, starting with the most qualified, until all available spaces are filled. As such, not all individuals who meet the admission requirements may be admitted. **The application process will open in early January, and review of completed applications will begin as soon as they are received.** Since the program of studies involves working in schools, prospective candidates must also consent to a criminal background check. Once admitted to the program, finger printing may be required prior to field placement.

### Special Note

Disciplinary action at Gordon State College and any other institution that the student has attended, including the military, may prevent admission. Additionally, two disciplinary referral forms received by the School of Education may prevent admission or result in dismissal from the BSSED program after admission. Refer to the Gordon State College Undergraduate Catalog for further details. Applicants should be aware of and agree to the Georgia Educator Code of Ethics.

### Notification of Acceptance

Because this is a high demand major, fall admission will be limited, and not all applicants will be admitted. Applicants will be notified by Gordon State College email of Unconditional Acceptance, Acceptance with Conditions, Non-Acceptance, or placement on a waiting list.

### Direct Contact Information:

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\*NOTE: It is **recommended** that completed applications be received no later than March 31.

### Fall Semester Junior Year

|           |                                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| MATH 3001 | Topics in Algebra for ECE                          |
| LART 3005 | Introduction to Teaching of Reading                |
| SPED 3100 | Characteristics of Students with Mild Disabilities |
| EDUC 3003 | Classroom Management                               |
| EDUC 3500 | Professionalism: Field Experience I                |

### Spring Semester Junior Year

|           |                                                               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| MATH 3002 | Geometry for Teachers                                         |
| LART 3090 | Literature for Children                                       |
| SPED 4200 | Educational Interventions for Students with Mild Disabilities |
| EDUC 3200 | Educational Technology and Media                              |
| EDUC 3501 | Professionalism: Field Experience II                          |

### Summer Semester

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| ARTS 3000 | Integrated and Applied Arts          |
| EDUC 3002 | Assessment in ECE                    |
| EDUC 3300 | Integrated Social Studies            |
| EDUC 4200 | Science in Early Childhood Education |

### Fall Semester Senior Year

|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| MATH 3003 | Data Analysis, Probability, and Connections    |
| SPED 4000 | Educational Assessment of Exceptional Children |
| LART 3006 | Teaching Reading in Content Areas              |
| EDUC 4001 | Early Childhood Methods Materials              |
| LART 3007 | Analysis & Correction of Reading Problems      |
| EDUC 3502 | Professionalism: Field Experience III          |

### Spring Semester Senior Year

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| EDUC 4204 | Internship: Early Childhood Ed. |
| EDUC 4404 | Internship: Special Education   |
| EDUC 3090 | Classroom Data Analysis         |

# Application Packet - Instructions

## Admission Requirements

1. Applicants must be first admitted to Gordon State College and be in “good” academic standing with the College.
2. Applicants must complete all lower-level courses in the Teacher Education Pathway (Elementary), by the end of the summer semester, to include an overall last attempt GPA of 2.75 or better.
3. Applicants must have a grade of “C” or higher in core math and written communication courses aligned with or specified by University System of Georgia institutions. In addition, applicants must have a grade of "C" or higher in all BSED lower-level core courses. Non- Gordon Students must provide an official transcript.
4. Applicants must establish an individual MyPSC account with the Professional Standards Commission at: [www.mypsc.gapsc.org](http://www.mypsc.gapsc.org)
5. Applicants must provide proof of taking the GACE Ethics Assessment 360.
6. It is recommended that applicants submit a complete application by March 31. Applications are complete when they contain all the elements specified here.
7. Applicants must attach to this application a signed and notarized consent form authorizing a criminal background check and agree to finger printing. (Once admitted to the program, finger printing may be required prior to field placement.)
8. Applicants must attach a personally written short essay on the form provided at the back of the application. Applicants who use AI tools or otherwise misrepresent their effort may be disqualified from consideration.
9. Applicants must provide three (3) professional recommendations using provided forms. Applicants should complete their portion of the professional recommendation form and give it to an employer, someone familiar with your academic ability, or someone familiar with your ability to work with children. Professional recommendations may not come from personal friends, relatives, or social acquaintances.
10. Applicants must provide two (2) Disposition Assessment forms. For parapro applicants, one MUST be completed by a building supervisor, the other by a co-teacher or school system human resources officer.
11. Applicants must submit Georgia Professional Standards Commission Verification of Lawful Presence along with valid photo ID. (Failure to submit early may result in Non-Acceptance.)
12. Qualified applicants may be asked to schedule an interview.

**Notice of Disclaimer:** Gordon State College’s BSED in Elementary Education is fully accredited for meeting Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) requirements.

## Student Information

**This completed application should be mailed or delivered to:** Teacher Education Admissions, Gordon State College, Smith Hall, 419 College Drive, Barnesville, GA 30204 **or Emailed to:** Kelly Wilson, [kellyw@gordonstate.edu](mailto:kellyw@gordonstate.edu). ATTN: Elementary Application

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

Other name(s) on file at Gordon State College \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ College ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Other e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

Ethnic Group: ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Black/African American ☐ White/Caucasian  
☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone - optional: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Pathways

There are two pathways for certification in Elementary Education/Special Education General Curriculum. Both pathways require the same lower-level courses as well as the same courses within the bachelor's degree program. Both programs require the GACE and related non-course requirements. The course rotation is the same for both pathways. The traditional pathway is open for all applicants. Students in the traditional program will be placed in a practicum setting by our Director of Field Placement. The parapro-to-teacher pathway requires that a student have a position as paraprofessional in a public school setting. The student will be responsible for communicating with his/her principal and devising a plan for practicums within the school system. Note that these practicums must be in the K-5 setting. Courses will be held online for paraprofessionals only.

I am applying to the

- ☐ Traditional Pathway  
☐  
☐ Parapro-to-Teacher Pathway

If applying to the Parapro-to-Teacher Pathway, please provide:

Name of the school in which you are a paraprofessional: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the school system in which you are a paraprofessional: \_\_\_\_\_

The number of years you have been a paraprofessional in that system: \_\_\_\_\_

Your designation as a paraprofessional (ie: Pre-K, Special Education, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic History

Please indicate all that apply to your academic history.

I am currently enrolled at Gordon State College. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am not currently enrolled but was previously enrolled at Gordon State College. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Most recent semester and year attended Gordon State College \_\_\_\_\_

## Employment History

Please list most recent employment first.

1. Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment: (from - to) \_\_\_\_\_  
*If currently employed, indicate present.*  
Supervisor's full name and title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number for supervisor: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to contact? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  
2. Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment: (from - to) \_\_\_\_\_  
*If currently employed, indicate present.*  
Supervisor's full name and title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number for supervisor: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to contact? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  
3. Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Employment: (from - to) \_\_\_\_\_  
*If currently employed, indicate present.*  
Supervisor's full name and title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number for supervisor: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to contact? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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I certify that all statements made in this application are complete and true. I understand that falsification or omission of information requested may result in my application being denied.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

I agree and consent for such criminal records check and investigation to be conducted by Gordon State College. I hereby release, remise and waive any claims, suits or actions which I now have or may hereinafter have against Gordon State College, its officials, representatives, agents, employees and servants (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the College") arising out of the aforesaid criminal records check and the use of any information obtained therefrom, specifically including any claims or actions which I may have for libel, slander, defamation of character, invasion of privacy, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence and similar claims. I further agree to hold harmless the College from and against any such claims as described aforesaid and will defend the College from and against any suits arising from same and pay all costs of such suits including attorney's fees.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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