

Application for Admission

Bachelor of Science in Education

Certification in Elementary and Special Education
General Curriculum P-5



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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, fingerprinting 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, and 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.

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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. Attach to this application an Academic Summary of your transcript to verify your academic standing with Gordon State College, your GPA and your grades. 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
5. Applicants must provide proof of taking the GACE Ethics Assessment 360.
6. Applicants must 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 fingerprinting. (Once admitted to the program, fingerprinting is 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. 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 Program is fully accredited for meeting Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) requirements and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has also accredited the program and the unit at Gordon State College.

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. 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. Courses will be held in the afternoon while students attend their practicum in the morning. Students 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
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☐ 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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