

Application for Admission

Bachelor of Science in Education

Certification in Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)



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 secondary education (6-12). **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 BSED 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.

Term 1 Courses for the BSED in Secondary Education (Grades 6 to 12)

EDUC 3005 (Middle and Secondary Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment)
EDUC 4600 (Classroom Management for Middle and Secondary Education)
LART 3006 (Teaching Reading in the Content Areas)
LART 3030 (Adolescent Literature)
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area

Term 2 Courses for the BSED in Secondary Education (Grades 6 to 12)

EDUC 4800 (Curriculum and Instruction in Education)
SPED 3105 (The Exceptional Learner in the Middle School and Secondary Curriculum)
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area

Term 3 Courses for the BSED in Secondary Education (Grades 6 to 12)

EDUC 3505 (Secondary Practicum)
EDUC 3503 (Seminar in Secondary School Practicum)
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area
Upper-Level Course in Content Focus Area

Term 4 Courses for the BSED in Secondary Education (Grades 6 to 12)

EDUC 4504 Secondary Student Teaching
EDUC 4505 Seminar in Secondary Student Teaching

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 (Secondary), by the end of the summer semester, to include an overall last attempt GPA of 2.50 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 and content area 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 PSC Certification Application for Pre-Service Certification. (Failure to submit early may result in Non-acceptance.)
12. 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.)
13. 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: Secondary 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: (_____) _____

The secondary certification track is online. At the appropriate time, candidates 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 6-12 public school setting.

Academic History Please indicate all that apply to your academic history.

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.

(This information is also available at www.gordonstate.edu)

Full Name _____

First *Middle* *Last*

Other name(s) on file at Gordon State College _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

I understand that, as a student enrolled in the programs within the School of Education at Gordon State College, I must be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal records check. I further understand that the information obtained from my criminal records check will be used by the institution to assist in determining my eligibility for acceptance into the education program at Gordon State College.

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 MUST SIGN THIS FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Notary Name _____

Notary Signature _____ Date _____

Commission Expires / /

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