

Formal Acceptance

Students must apply to the Education Department for Formal Acceptance into a certification program after they successfully:

- Complete two Mathematics (MA) courses and two English (EN) courses (one writing composition and one literature).
- Complete 54 hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
- Successfully complete at least three courses with ED prefixes.
- Provide a record of ACT 34, PA Child Abuse, and FBI Criminal History Report. These clearances must be less than one year old.
- Submit a TB test that is less than one year old.
- Submit a satisfactory student life clearance (re-check of previous clearance; students do NOT need to submit another).
- Receive passing scores on the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics or the SAT/ACT equivalent score as mandated by PDE (see page 38).
- Provide an electronic *Digication* portfolio for review demonstrating interest and/or experience in professional education and progress toward meeting the professional domains as defined by Danielson which includes:
 - One picture of yourself
 - Updated Resume
 - Educational Philosophy
 - Dates of your clearances and TB test
 - PAPA Scores or SAT/ACT equivalent
 - Description of your experience working with children
 - Writing Sample
 - Any additional items to support of your application
- Receive approval of the Education Department and any other appropriate major Department.
- Obtain a satisfactory rating in accordance with the *Department of Education Teacher Dispositions/Foundational Competencies Policy*.

*Formal Acceptance is required to enroll in 300-level ED courses.