APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
Birmingham-Southern College
CLASS B CERTIFICATE
(Bachelor's degree level)

To ensure that teacher candidates possess and maintain the standards necessary for success, Birmingham-Southern College, in cooperation with the Alabama State Department of Education, has established the admission policies outlined below. References to *the Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Teacher Education Chapter are listed and can be accessed on-line at: https://www.alabamaachieves.org/. References to policies specific to the college are listed as "BSC" and can be found in the *BSC Catalog* on the college website.

Criteria for admission to the Teacher Education Program:

- Maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher overall, 2.5 or higher in professional studies, and 2.5 or higher in the teaching field, with a grade of C or better in all courses in professional studies. A grade of C- or less is not acceptable**. (***Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- Complete a minimum of 10 units (40 semester hours) of credit. *(BSC)*
- Provide evidence of teaching aptitude and dispositions as demonstrated by successful completion of classes and field experiences in Exploring Teaching (ED 299), **and** ED 201 (Introduction to Education) **or** EPy 260 (Survey of Exceptional Children) **or** EPy 223 (The Developing Child for the Twenty-First Century). *(Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- Successfully complete a criminal background check and fingerprinting by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Fingerprinting information and registration can be obtained at:

    Applicants will be required to create an AIM account- https://aim.alsde.edu/ prior to registering for fingerprint submission. Once the AIM account is established, applicants can move forward with registration, payment, and appointment scheduling.

    Create a Fieldprint account- https://alabama.fieldprint.com/

    You will be provided with the location of the authorized fingerprint sites nearest you during registration.

    The candidate is responsible for the nonrefundable, nontransferable fee.
    (Usually completed before Ed 299)
    (*Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- Submit prior to faculty interview:

    TEP (Teacher Education Program) application form
    (Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)

    Formal writing sample *(BSC)*

    Self-Assessment on *Educator Disposition Assessment (BSC)*

    Professional Learning Plan *(BSC)*

- Successfully complete an interview with two faculty.
    (Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)

If you fail to meet the criteria described above upon initial application, you may, consistent with College and Department policies, take further work and repeat required exams in an effort to meet the Teacher Education Program's admission standards.

Criteria for <ins>continuation and admission to the internship</ins> of the Teacher Education Program:

- Maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher overall, 2.5 or higher in professional studies, and 2.5 or higher in the teaching field courses in professional studies. A grade of C- or less is not acceptable. *(Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- A teacher candidate must continue to meet all TEP criteria **after** admission to the program or they cannot enroll in education courses except to redeem one in which they were previously enrolled.
- **Teacher candidates must receive passing scores on their Praxis II Content Area tests and Pearson test(s) currently required by the AL State Department of Education prior to acceptance into the Internship/Student Teaching phase.** (Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)
- Submit your updated Field Experience Log for review prior to your interview.
- Successfully complete an interview with two faculty.

Criteria for <ins>completion</ins> of the Teacher Education Program

- Complete BSC graduation requirements in the teaching field.
- Maintain a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher overall, 2.5 or higher in professional studies, and 2.5 or higher in the teaching field. *(Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- Demonstrate proficiency in teaching by achieving a grade of "B-"or better in all student teaching internships. *(Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code and BSC)*
- Successfully complete a final individual interview with two faculty and complete an exit survey. *(BSC)*

Please note: completion of degree requirements and the Teacher Education Program sequence does not insure certification.

A candidate whose suitability determination precludes admission to a State-approved educator preparation program has the right to due process procedures in accordance with the current Educator Certification Chapter of the *Alabama Administrative Code.*

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Date: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ First Name: _____

BSC Student Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____ Advisor: _____

TCH Number: _____ Information can be found here:

https://tcert.alsde.edu/Portal/Public/Pages/SearchCerts.aspx

Date of Birth: _____ Gender (Opt) _____Race (Opt.) _____

Cell Phone: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Email Address: _____

Major: _____

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) _____ Professional Studies GPA____ Teaching Field GPA_____

Class status FR_____SO_____JR_____SR_____ Grad_____

Transfer Student: Yes___ No___   Previous Colleges Attended: _____

High School SAT and/or ACT Cumulative Score   SAT_____ ACT_____

Are you on probation for violation of the honor code? _____ TEP Incident Report_____

Date of background check letter of suitability & copy for file _____

Number of units completed (at least 10) _____ Date taken ED 299_____

Projected student teaching term: Semester_____Year _____

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   (Signature of applicant)

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