Southern University at New Orleans  
College of Education and Human Development

Eligibility for Admission to the Certification-Only Program Alternative Path

Applicants must meet with the Program Director to determine if they are eligible for admission to the Certification-Only Program Alternative Path in the College of Education and Human Development.

The minimum qualifications to be admitted are as follows:

1. Bachelor’s Degree in a non-teaching program from a regionally accredited institution with an undergraduate Grade Point Average of 2.2 or better on a 4.0 scale (the 2.2 GPA is acceptable for admission to the Program but candidates must maintain a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA each semester for retention in the Program);
2. Passing scores on Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE) (Score requirements: Reading = 156; Writing = 162; Mathematics = 150)*;
3. Passing scores on the appropriate PRAXIS II Content Area Exam**;
4. A clean criminal background report.
5. Successful completion of 80 hours of classroom readiness training.

To be accepted into the Certification-Only Program Alternative Path, the following documents must be submitted:

1. Evidence of acceptance to Southern University at New Orleans and the Certification-Only Program Alternative Path;
2. Completed applications for admission to the College of Education and Human Development and the Certification-Only Program Alternative Path;
3. Evidence of passing scores on CASE and PRAXIS II content area;
4. Typed Personal Statement (500-600 words) addressing the following questions: “Why do you want to teach in a global environment? How will you use your previous experiences to ensure high academic achievement for your students?”;
5. A current resume, including work experience, leadership roles, community involvement, and past education/training;
6. Two (2) official transcripts (one to remain on file with the Program Director and the other to be submitted with state certification application documents) from each college/university attended;
7. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professional contacts;
8. Official copy of CASE and PRAXIS II (Content Area) scores;
9. A clean criminal background report;
10. Successful completion of 80 hours of classroom readiness training that focuses on instructional design and delivery, classroom environment and management.

*A graduate degree from a regional accredited institute, an ACT composite score of 22, or a SAT (combined verbal and math) score of 1030 may be substituted for the PRAXIS I requirements.

**Refer to Louisiana State Department of Education to determine content area scores or see Director.
### Personal Information

**NAME:** (Last)  
(First)  
(MI)

**Social Security Number:**  
**Date of Birth (Optional):**

**Ethnicity (Optional):**  
- [ ] Black/African American  
- [ ] Asian/Pacific Islander  
- [ ] Native American  
- [ ] White  
- [ ] Latino/Hispanic  
- [ ] Other ______________________

**Current Address:**  
- _______________________________  
  Number and Street
- _______________________________  
  City  
  State  
  Zip  
  Country

**Current Address Valid Until (MM/DD/YYYY):** _______________________________

**Permanent Address (If different from Current):**  
- _______________________________  
  Number and Street
- _______________________________  
  City  
  State  
  Zip  
  Country

**Home Telephone:** _______________________________  
**Work Telephone:** _______________________________

**E-Mail Address:** _______________________________  
**Cellular Telephone:** _______________________________

### Legal Information

Have you ever been convicted of any violation of law?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
  **If YES, please explain.**

Have you ever been dismissed from any position because of immoral or unprofessional conduct?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
  **If YES, please explain.**

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a Green Card?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
(Please note that if you answered "No" to this question, you are ineligible to apply)

### PRAXIS Requirement

Please indicate the following (supporting documentation is required):

**PASSING SCORES**

**EXEMPT STATUS (PRAXIS I Only)**

**PRAXIS I:**  
Reading _____  Writing _____  Math _____  
- [ ] Approved Graduate Degree  
- [ ] ACT Score ____  SAT Score____

**PRAXIS II—Content Area:** __________

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Education

Please list all colleges/universities and trade schools from which you have received a degree:

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Please provide the area of certification you wish to pursue:  □ Early Childhood Education  □ Elementary Education  □ Secondary Education

Readiness Training

The program of study includes 80 hours of readiness training incorporated in a module completed upon enrollment. This module allows the candidate to begin the program in any semester depending on how the candidate is hired to assume teacher of record employment. The program will maintain documentation of the successful completion of 80 contact hours that focuses on instructional design and delivery as well as classroom environment and management.

Employment Information

Are you currently employed by a school district as a full-time teacher?  □ Yes  □ No

If YES, please list the school district: ________________________________

Do you intend to remain a full-time teacher in that school district for the 20____ / 20____ school year?

Are you teaching on a temporary certification?  □ Yes  □ No  □ TAT  □ Practitioner’s License

Applicant must sign and date the appropriate statement below:

I understand that I must complete an 80-hour module of classroom readiness training as a requirement of my acceptance into the Certification-Only Program-Alternative Path for Early Childhood Education (PK-3). I also understand that I must purchase/utilize the textbook *The First Days of School*, 3rd Edition by Harry K. Wong and Rosemary T. Wong.

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Applicant Signature            Date

I understand that I must complete an 80-hour module of classroom readiness training as a requirement of my acceptance into the Certification-Only Program-Alternative Path for Elementary Education (1-5). I also understand that I must purchase/utilize the textbook *The First Days of School*, 3rd Edition by Harry K. Wong and Rosemary T. Wong.

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Applicant Signature            Date

I understand that I must complete an 80-hour module of classroom readiness training as a requirement of my acceptance into the Certification-Only Program-Alternative Path for Secondary Education. I also understand that I must purchase/utilize the textbook *The First Days of School*, 3rd Edition by Harry K. Wong and Rosemary T. Wong.

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Applicant Signature            Date