

Guidelines for Eligibility for Admission to SOCIAL STUDIES Subject Matter Education (SME) Program, Clinical Practice, and Completion of Program

All native and transfer students interested in pursuing P-12 Social Studies certification in the SME Program and/or seeking enrollment in Clinical Practice (student teaching) must meet the following requirements:

Benchmark I: For entry into the SME Program (to enroll in Clinical Practice)

- 1) Overall GPA of 3.0 or above and a GPA of 3.0 for all professional courses (*non-negotiable, non-appealable*)
- 2) Grades of C- or better (no Ds, Fs, or Incompletes) in any general education, dual major, or core/specialization courses required for BA in education)
- 3) Successful completion of the following education/foundation courses: Teaching in Learning Communities I & II, Schools & Society, Characteristics of Knowledge Acquisition, and Human Exceptionality
- 4) "Meets Expectations" on dispositional reports from College of Education instructors and cooperating teachers.
- 5) All candidates must have passed the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test with a score of at least 156 in Reading (Test Code 5712); 150 in Math (Test Code 5732; and 162 in Writing (Test Code 5722). Note: Candidates are exempt from the basic skills requirement if they can demonstrate a score on the SAT, ACT, or GRE at, or above, the cut score for the year in which they took the exam.
- 6) Completion of at least 30 semester hours of Required History courses and/or Social/Behavioral Science courses. *It is preferred that all 36 semester hours in the major are completed.*
- 7) Passing score (157 or above) on the Praxis II exam (Social Studies: Content Knowledge #10081)
- 8) Submission of a clear NJDOE background check as a substitute teacher using Rowan University codes: County 15, District 7270, and School 001.

Benchmark II: For successful program completion

- 1) Overall GPA of 3.0 or above and a GPA of 3.0 for all professional courses
- 2) Grades of C- or better (no Ds, Fs, or Incompletes) in any general education, dual major, or core/specialization courses required for BA in education.
- 3) Acceptable dispositional report(s) from university instructors and cooperating teachers.
- 4) Completion and submission of graduation application and teaching certification application.
- 5) Completion and successful submission of a NJDOE-approved teacher performance assessment project (e.g., edTPA). Cut score or passing score to be determined. *Note: Incomplete or unscorable tasks on the assessment project will/may delay graduation and certification.*
- 6) "Basic" on all COE indicators on final Clinical Practice evaluations; "Meets Expectations" on Social Studies program-specific evaluation
- 7) Successful completion and recommendation for certification from Rowan University Clinical Practice supervisor.
- 8) Note: Please be aware that any disciplinary or academic sanctions will/may result in extended time for program completion and will prolong graduation.

I have read and understand that the above guidelines are required to continue in and to complete the SME Specialization (Social Studies, English, or Spanish) Program.

Signature

Date