Secondary English Teacher Licensure Program Information

School of Education "Checkpoint" Information

- To be admitted to the Professional Education Program (Checkpoint I), candidates must:
  - pass all sections of the **PRAXIS I/Praxis Core** test
  - possess a cumulative GPA of at least **2.75 OR 2.6** (if entered FMU Fall 2014 or Spring 2015).
  - earn grades of "C" or higher in **EDUC 190**, **EDUC 191**, and **EDUC 305**.
  - receive satisfactory dispositions recommendations in **EDUC 190**

- To be approved for Student Teaching (Checkpoint II), candidates must:
  - pass both the PLT and English Language, Lit., and Composition **PRAXIS II** tests
  - possess a cumulative GPA of at least **2.75 OR 2.6** (if entered FMU Fall 2014 or Spring 2015).
  - earn grades of "C" or higher in all **EDUC** courses
  - receive satisfactory Dispositions recommendations in **EDUC 313** and **EDUC 393**
  - complete a SLED background check <u>and</u> the fingerprinting process. See your advisor or the School of Education at least <u>9 months</u> prior to student teaching for further information.

School of Education Course Information

- The following **EDUC** courses require candidates to complete field experiences in local schools outside of scheduled classes:

Course	Field Experience Required
EDUC 191	25 hours
EDUC 313	35 hours
EDUC 380	8 hours
EDUC 393	40 hours

- Candidates should enroll in the **EDUC 380** section designated for secondary teachers.

- Candidates should enroll in **EDUC 393/434** in the Fall semester prior to student teaching.

- Note that the following **EDUC** courses are offered only one semester per year:

Fall-only Courses	*Spring-only Courses*
EDUC 393/434: Methods Block	EDUC 411: Reading in Content Areas

English Course Information

- The following **ENG** courses are offered only one semester per year:

Fall-only Courses	*Spring-only Courses*
ENG 306: Devel. of Modern English	ENG 310: Modern English Grammar
ENG 340: Theories of Writing	ENG 316: Lit. for Adolescents

- **ENG 340** includes a requirement that students spend 100 minutes per week (two 50-minute sessions) tutoring in the **ENG 111** Lab.

General Education Course Information

- **BIOL 103**, **BIOL 104**, **CHEM 150**, and **PSCI 101** are science courses for non-science majors.

- Be sure to check the FMU course catalog for the acceptable sequences of **MATH** courses.

Middle-Level "Add-on" Licensure

Secondary English Teacher Licensure majors have the option of adding on a middle-level endorsement (grades 5-8) to their secondary (grades 9-12) licensure. In order to add middle-level licensure, students must complete all requirements for secondary certification in English and take two additional courses: **MLE 422** and **PSY 316**.

PRAXIS Test Information for Secondary English Teacher Certification Majors

PRAXIS Core

- Passing scores on all sections of **PRAXIS Core** tests are required for admission to the FMU Professional Education Program and to take any **EDUC** course beyond **EDUC 305**. Work toward fulfilling this requirement as soon as possible.

- Candidates who meet one of the following requirements are exempt from **PRAXIS Core**:
  - ACT Composite score of 24 or above **OR** SAT Reading and Math combined score of 1100 or above **OR** SAT Reading, Math, and Writing combined score of 1650 or above.

- In order to obtain an exemption, test scores **must** be confirmed by the SOE office.

- Please note: Candidates must submit an official paper copy of **PRAXIS I/Core** scores to the SOE.

- **PRAXIS Core** tests are offered continuously. You can find test center and scheduling information at http://www.ets.org/praxis.

PRAXIS II

- Two **PRAXIS II** tests are required for Secondary English certification in South Carolina:
  - *Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT): Grades 7-12* Test #5624; passing score: 157
  - *English Language Arts (ELA): Content & Analysis* Test #5039; passing score: 168

- Candidates must pass both required **PRAXIS II** tests **before** student teaching. **Official examinee copies** of PRAXIS II scores must be submitted to the SOE office **by Reading Day** of the semester prior to student teaching.

- The score submission deadline for student teaching in **Fall 2017** is **4/25/17**, and the score submission deadline for student teaching in **Spring 2018** is **12/5/17**.

- Availability for computer-based tests fills up quickly; make a reservation several months in advance.

- The PLT test should be taken following the completion of EDUC 305. The ELA test should be taken **at least** 6 months before the score submission deadline.

- Study materials for these tests are available from Dr. Nelson.

- Upcoming **PRAXIS II** *computer* test windows:

	TEST WINDOWS	
	2016	2017
#5624 PLT: Grades 7-12		3/13/17-3/25/17 4/10/17-4/22/17 5/8/17-5/20/17 6/12/17-6/24/17 7/10/17-7/22/17 8/14/17-8/26/17

	TEST WINDOWS	
	2016	2017
#5039 ELA: Content & Analysis		3/13/17-3/25/17 4/10/17-4/22/17 5/8/17-5/20/17 7/10/17-7/22/17

- **NOTE**: Your scores will be available online 3-4 weeks **after the testing window closes**, regardless of the specific date on which you tested within the window.

- PRAXIS information and registration is available online: http://www.ets.org/praxis.