



# SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Francis Marion University's School of Education, where teaching and learning are the highest priorities, prepares competent and caring professional educators in the Pee Dee region and beyond, for a rapidly changing, complex, and diverse society through the acquisition of professional knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

FMU School of Education prepares competent and caring teachers.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CHECK POINT I)

A special note concerning licensure in South Carolina: South Carolina law states that students with prior criminal records may be prevented from receiving a teaching license. Students who feel that this may be a problem are encouraged to make appropriate inquiries in the School of Education (SOE) as early as possible. For more information on the School of Education's requirements and procedures, please refer to the "News and Announcements" on the SOE webpage. Please note that a potential for field experience exists for any education course. A SLED check will be required prior to field placement in a public school setting.

Students seeking an Education degree enter as Pre-Education students in one of the six majors (Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, PreK-12Art, Secondary Math, or Secondary English). After meeting the requirements specified below, students are accepted and must complete the graduation requirements for the selected program.

Admission to the professional education program is a prerequisite for enrollment in any education course beyond EDUC 305: Early Childhood Education (ECE), Elementary Education (ELE), Middle Level Education (MLE), and Education (EDUC).

Students advance from Pre-Education to Education in the School upon meeting the following requirements:

1. Completion of Education 190/191 and Education 305 with a grade of C or better.
2. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 in all undergraduate courses taken at FMU.
3. A passing score, as determined by South Carolina, on the selected state-approved tests in mathematics, writing, and reading. A passing score on these examinations is a requirement for admission to any courses above Education 305 and the Professional Education Program.
4. Positive recommendations from the field (public school personnel).
5. Completion of at least 45 semester hours.

6. Appropriate dispositions ratings.

7. Submission and approval of the FMU School of Education Statement of Disclosure form and a current SLED (State Law Enforcement Division) Background Check.

8. Completion and submission of application for admission with accompanying documents to the School of Education office.

9. Approval by the appropriate program committee.

Students will be informed via their university email account upon completion of these requirements.

## ADMISSION TO STUDENT TEACHING (CHECK POINT II)

1. Admission to a Professional Education Program at least one full semester prior to the student teacher semester.
2. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75\* at the end of the semester prior to student teaching.  
\* Freshmen and transfer students entering the institution in the Fall of 2015 or the Spring of 2016 must achieve a cumulative 2.6 grade point average.
3. Successful completion of ALL education courses with a grade of C or better, except for the Clinical Practice Block of Education 487 (a three-hour course).
4. Positive recommendations from public school personnel, practica course instructors, and the appropriate program committee.
5. Acceptable dispositions ratings from practica course instructors and supervisors.
6. A passing score (EXAMINEE copy) on all required parts of the Praxis II Test (Subject Assessments/Specialty Area Test) and PLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching).
7. Attendance at a mandatory orientation meeting conducted by the Coordinator of Student Teaching; held the semester prior to Student Teaching. (Dates and times will be posted on the "News and Announcements" webpage.)
8. All student packets (content of packet is listed on the "News and Announcements" webpage and discussed in the Mandatory Meeting) and Praxis II/PLT scores must be submitted no later than Reading Day the semester prior to Student Teaching.
9. Complete the South Carolina Department of Education Application for Educator License (including updated background check and updated fingerprinting) and receive approval by the State of South Carolina.

## COMPLETION OF STUDENT TEACHING AND LICENSURE (CHECK POINT III)

1. Successful completion of the FMU Teacher Candidate Work