

Bachelor Plus Initial Teacher Licensure GATEWAYS

“Gateways” are transition points that are part of state and national accreditation requirements for teacher preparation programs. At Ashland University, the College of Education has a series of five gateways that are designed to ensure that all students are adequately prepared to enter the teaching profession upon completion of their programs. Gateways also allow the College of Education to monitor and support students in all aspects of their programs. ¹

Admissions Gateway:

- Complete Reading Core (12 credit hours)
- Complete/Submit Application for Field (EDFN 587)
- Students must have achieved an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Attendance at one Teacher Education Workshop/Seminar (with Director of Accreditation and Educator Preparation, Mrs. Lisa Weller lweller@ashland.edu)
- Valid Ohio Preservice Teacher Permit (Application available through the State Board of Education <https://ohid.ohio.gov>)
- Current Liability Insurance (Sign up through Ohio Education Association) <https://www.mynea360.org/s/join-now?state=OH>)
- Updated Background Clearance (BCI/FBI)

Candidacy: Admission to Teacher Education Gateway (after successful completion of EDFN 587 and 15 credit hours of Education Courses which can include up to 12 cr. transferred)

- Complete/Submit Application for Field
 - Students must have achieved a current GPA of 3.0 or higher for Institutional and Major GPAs for all programs (including both concentrations for Middle Grades programs).
- (NOTE: Course grades transferred from other institutions will use grades from those institutions.)

- Successful completion of **Praxis Core**

Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
Praxis Core	160	162	154
Students may be exempt from Praxis Core with the following ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores			
ACT	21	20	20
SAT	530	530	540
Accuplacer*	263	263	263

*Accuplacer is a low/no cost alternative to Praxis Core – required tests: Next Generation Reading; Writing; and Math: Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS).

- Satisfactorily complete EDFN 587 Field Experience with a B- or higher
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¹ This does not apply to students who have already met previous gateway/pathway requirements (prior to Fall 2024). If a student under previous gateway/pathway requirements requests to use these new gateway requirements to enter the sophomore field, he/she/they must continue under these new requirements for the remainder of his/her/their program.

Internship Gateway (prior to Internship)

- Complete/Submit Application
- Students must have achieved a current 3.0 GPA for the Institutional and Major GPAs for all programs including both concentrations for Middle Grades programs.
- Successful completion of state-mandated modules
 - Computer Science (CS) and Computational Thinking (CT) (Miami University)
 - Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Education (Miami University)
 - KSU-Opioid Learning Module (Kent State University)
- Successful completion of OAE (score of 220 or higher): Assessment of Professional Knowledge
 - 057 – P-5 Dual
 - 002 – Middle Grades
 - 003 – AYA/Integrated
 - 004 – Music, Visual Arts, IS
- Successful completion of OAE (score of 220 or higher): 190 Foundations of Reading (P-5, P-5/IS, IS, Middle Grades ONLY)
- Successful completion of all required coursework
- Valid Ohio Preservice Teacher Permit (Application through the State Board of Education <https://ohid.ohio.gov>)
- Current Liability Insurance (Sign up through Ohio Education Association <https://www.mynea360.org/s/join-now?state=OH>)
- Updated Background Clearance (BCI/FBI)

Program Completion Gateway (prior to graduation)

- Students must have achieved a current 3.0 GPA for the Institutional and Major GPAs for all programs including both concentrations for Middle Grades programs.
- Successful completion of Internship with grade of B- or better

Licensure (upon program completion)
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- Successful completion of all program OAEs (required licensure tests)
- Application for Licensure through State