

Dear New Secondary Education Student:

Admission to the teacher education programs at Governors State University is a two-tiered process. The first tier involves admission to the University. Requirements for admission include an associate of science or an associate of arts degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, or at least 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution with at least a “C” average (2.0) in any 60 semester hours, and good academic standing at the last institution attended.

The second tier of the process involves admission to one of the secondary teacher education programs. Requirements for admission to these programs include;

- a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all undergraduate work;
- evidence of having passed the Basic Skills Test of the Illinois Certification System, (please do not take the content area portion of this exam until you are nearing completion of all your coursework);
- submission of scores from the MAPP exam; \*(see note below)
- completion of EDUC 310 (Foundations of Education, or equivalent) with a grade of "B" or better;
- during your first trimester of enrollment, completion of
  - a) word-processed essay of not more than 300 words, submitted to your advisor, explaining why you would like to become a teacher. Content, writing proficiency and overall student dispositions will, in part, be assessed from this essay.
  - b) Student Study Plan, developed in conjunction with your academic advisor.

**Please be advised that you must meet with your advisor to check completion of these requirements before the start of your second trimester or registration may be delayed.**

\*The Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) test is a measure of college-level reading, mathematics, writing, and critical thinking in the context of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. It focuses on the academic *skills* developed through general education courses, rather than on the *knowledge* acquired about the subjects taught in these courses. You must pre-register for this exam on the College of Education website: [www.govst.edu/coe/](http://www.govst.edu/coe/) under “Resources.” The testing fee is \$40 which you will pay at the cashier’s office. You will be required to show a paid cashier’s receipt at the time of testing. The *Resources* link also provides information on basic skills and content exam testing dates, student teaching application deadlines, and other helpful information. You may access Illinois testing information directly at [www.icts.nesinc.com/](http://www.icts.nesinc.com/). Refer to your secondary education handbook and the secondary education website at [www.govst.edu/secondary.ed/](http://www.govst.edu/secondary.ed/) often during your educational career for important information related only to secondary education students.

Please feel free to call your academic advisor if you have any questions. We look forward to working and learning with you.

Sincerely,

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