

Department of Curriculum and Learning

Undergraduate Application Checklist

Create a free Tk20 account

- » <https://southernct.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>
- » Scroll down and click *Admissions* to create the **free** account, then press *Click here to create your account*
- » If you need *help*, click *Creating an Admission Application* – this gives you step-by-step instructions
- » We have application periods in the spring and fall – you must wait for the proper time window to apply since the application will only be shown in Tk20 during this time – you will be notified by the Program Coordinator when the application is available
- » You can work on the app. *over time* (multiple days) – just be sure to press *Save* each time
- » Once you press *Submit*, you cannot work on it anymore, so make sure it's *complete* before doing so
- » Please be sure that the application you're creating matches your major listed in BannerWeb

Basic Skills Test Scores Requirement

- » We require **PRAXIS Core** Reading, Mathematics, and Writing test scores to satisfy the State of Connecticut competency examination requirement or meet the requirements for a waiver. Scores must be from within the last five years.
 - Candidates who do not achieve a satisfactory Praxis Core score will be required to participate in remediation plans.
 - Students qualify for a Praxis Core waiver if:
 - (1) they have an SAT score no less than 530 on the mathematics portion **and** no less than 540 on the evidence-based reading and writing portion, or
 - (2) an ACT score of 21 or higher on the reading subtest **and** no less than a 21 on the mathematics subtest.
 - You may still be required to complete Praxis Core Writing if you do not have an SAT/ACT essay score.
- » **If you submitted your Praxis Core scores** (or SAT/ACT scores if you meet the waiver criteria) **to Southern**, we should be able to access them in the system.
 - If we cannot locate your scores, you will be asked to **submit your test scores** via email
 - Scores can be accessed by logging into the testing website to find the test & scores. **We ask that you save the full free PDF score report** to submit instead of taking a picture with your phone, or just taking a screenshot, this way we see the full report with the test ID number for our files.
 - **If you do not have valid Praxis Core scores** (or SAT/ACT scores if you meet waiver criteria), then you are not eligible to apply and will have to wait until the following semester's application cycle.

Admission Essay

- » The prompt is as follows:
 - In a concise and carefully crafted essay, **explain why you want to become a teacher** and discuss **two to three qualities of a good teacher**. Provide **support** for each of these qualities by explaining how they **affect student learning**.
 - The essay is a *writing sample*, so be sure to **revise** it for spelling and grammar – it will be scored
 - Times New Roman or similar, size 12, single spaced, and 2 pages long (approx. 1,000 words)

Transcripts and GPA

- » To get into the program, you need a **minimum of a 2.7 cumulative GPA at SCSU and including any coursework earned at other colleges/universities**
- » In order to calculate the cumulative GPA, we will **combine** your **Southern GPA** and your **transfer GPA(s)**
 - If your Southern GPA is above a 2.7, but your transfer GPA is lower, there is a chance that you may not be accepted into the program from not meeting the requirement of 2.7
- » Please be aware that **even if you select “No, I haven’t taken courses at another college/university,”** we do have to check for transfer transcripts and use them in the GPA calculation, especially if **the transfer credits show on your Southern transcript**
- » If your cumulative GPA is lower than 2.70, you are encouraged to reach out to your **Program Coordinator** as soon as possible for help with future planning

Pre-requisites

- » Before applying to your program, there are four courses that you should have taken and passed
 - **MAT 105** (or transfer equivalent) – must have a grade of C- or higher
 - **ENG 112/ ENG 120/ HON 150** (or transfer equivalent) – must have a grade of C- or higher
 - **EDU 200/206** (or transfer equivalent) – must have a grade of C or higher
 - **SED 225/481** (or transfer equivalent) – must have a grade of C or higher
- » You can technically apply to your program while they’re in progress, but **only with permission from your Program Coordinator(s) if you meet the following requirement(s)**:
 - **You have junior status and/or are a transfer student with at least 60+ credits fully completed (not in progress)**
 - A final decision will **not** be made on your application until the end of the semester so we can verify that you have completed and passed the course(s) - this means you **cannot register for EDU courses until you have received an official acceptance letter** after the end of the semester
 - If you do not pass or complete the course(s) by the end of the semester, then you will have to reapply

Confirm that Bannerweb Major Matches Tk20 Program Application

- » You *shouldn’t* have to physically make changes to this, but you should double check to make sure it’s correct
- » Please be sure that your **major** in Bannerweb **matches** with the **program application** you choose in Tk20
- » **Confirm** your majors by going to Bannerweb, Student Services, Student Records, **Degree Evaluation**
 - Your second major **concentrations** depend on your 1st major (Click on your program & scroll down to “Second Major Requirements” if you’re unsure – [Bilingual/Elem](#), [Collab](#), [Early Childhood](#), [Elementary](#))
- » **Declare** your major by going to BannerWeb, Student Services, Student Records, **Selection of Degree/Change Major/Minor** – only do this if you are changing majors or see something wrong & **let us know ASAP**

Program Coordinators

- » **Bilingual/Elementary**: Dr. Ferraro ferrarom4@southernct.edu
- » **Collaborative**: Dr. Bower-Phipps bowerl2@southernct.edu & Dr. Lopez-Velasquez lopezvelasa1@southernct.edu
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