

McNeese State University Non-Master's Alternate Certification Program Special Education, Mild/Moderate (1-12)

Where do I begin?

- Possess a non-education baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university;
- Apply for admission to McNeese State University and receive acceptance.
- Hold an overall 2.20 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

What's my next step?

1. Attend the Alternative Certification Orientation held at McNeese State University.
2. Minimum grade of "C" or better in EDTC 100.
3. **Pass PRAXIS I, Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST)**, Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. In lieu of Praxis I (PPST) an ACT composite score of 22 or a SAT combined verbal and math score of 1030 is acceptable. Candidates who already possess a graduate (Master's) degree will be exempted from PRAXIS I.
4. **Pass PRAXIS II content-specific subject area examination.**
Choose from the following:
 - **Elementary Content Knowledge (0014)**
 - **Middle school subject-specific examination for the content area**
 - **Secondary subject specific core area exam.**
5. Complete Teacher Education admissions packet (EDUC 499). Submit it to the MSU Department of Teacher Education, Farrar Hall Room 240 and request signed program prescription.

Candidates seeking teacher certification through the McNeese State University Non-Master's Program must complete all course work listed in addition to student teaching/internship at the University.

Praxis exams are scores that are subject to change at anytime, therefore, it's extremely important that you keep abreast of changes through the state page on www.ets.org .

Important Note: You must establish and maintain a **3.0 GPA** on a 4.0 scale on teacher preparation course work listed below . In addition, you **must maintain a 3.0 GPA** for the student teaching/internship segments. You must earn a "C" or better in all certification course work, however, earning a "C" in these courses will greatly decrease your chance of earning the required 3.0 GPA. In order to be admitted to the Alternate Non-Master's Certification Program at McNeese State University and advance in course work level, **you must fulfill all requirements.** * State Completers please refer to state mandates

Course Requirements

Level I courses (May take before completing 499)

PSYC 310	3	Child Psychology
PSYC 311	3	Adolescent Psychology
SPED or EDUC 204	3	Orientation to Multicultural and Special Education

Field Experience 1A : 10 Volunteer tutoring field hours in a high needs school (CAP hours)

Field Experience 1B: 5 hours classroom management

Field Experience 1C: 5 hours lesson planning

Level II courses (Must have 499 before you can take these courses)

*EDUC 316	3	Reading Methods Elementary School
*SPED 336	3	Practicum in Assessment of Children w/SN
*SPED 424	3	Approaches/Managing/Exceptional Children
*SPED 352	3	Survey of Programs for Exceptional Learners
*SPED 443	3	Methods/Materials for Elementary Special Education

OR

*SPED 444 3 Methods/Materials for Secondary Special Education

*SPED 445 3 Prevocational, Vocational, and Transitional

*PRAXIS II – Education of the Exceptional Students: Core Content Knowledge (#0353) and Mild to Moderate Disabilities (#0542) must be passed prior to enrolling in Student Teaching or the Internship.

Field Experience 2A: 10 Volunteer tutoring field hours in a high needs school (CAP hours)

Field Experience 2B : 5 hours using data to drive instruction

Field Experience 2C: 5 hour diagnostic tutoring (w/ field notes)

Field Experience 2D: 5 hours inclusion and differentiated instruction

Level III courses (Must pass ALL of your required tests and coursework, have a 3.0 average & coordinator permission)

*Pre-Student Teaching Seminar

OR

*Pre-Internship Seminar

*EDUC 488 6 Student Teaching (one semester)

*EDUC 489 6 Internship (two semesters)

Student Teaching Seminars

Internship Seminars