



LIMESTONE
UNIVERSITY
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Elementary Education Program Pathway

Freshman Year

- Like the Teacher Education Facebook page.
- Take 30+ credit hours. See your 4 year plan for information about your course requirements.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 to join Pi Lambda Theta. This is your goal. You must have a minimum of 2.75 to be admitted into the Teacher Education Program. A 3.0 is required to maintain The SC Hope/Life Scholarship.
- Take and pass the Praxis Core if you did not exempt with SAT or ACT scores.
- Begin your GPS Action Plan.
- Join Educators Rising
- Check your Limestone email regularly.
- Attend education related events.
- Meet the Teacher Education Program faculty.
- Meet with your advisor each semester.
- Create a Navigate account. Go onto the website and download the app as well.
- Attend Elem. Ed. Orientation

Sophomore Year

- Take 30+ credit hours. See your 4 year plan for information about your course requirements.
- Apply to the Teacher Education Program after passing Praxis Core, passing ED 200 with a C or higher, and sustaining a 2.75 minimum GPA. (See your advisor for a Teacher Education Program Admission Packet.)
- Take and pass PLT after completing ED 310.
- Take and pass Praxis II at the end of your methods courses. (This will be included in your syllabus.)
- Update your GPS Action Plan.
- Register for Global Experiences or IS250.
- Purchase LiveText after taking ED200, to prepare for field experiences and Clinical Practice as well as course work.
- Meet with your advisor each semester.
- Attend Pre-Admission Benchmark Meeting

Junior Year

- Take 30+ credit hours. See your 4-year plan for information about your course requirements.
- Complete SCTS 4.0 training as part of your ED300 Field Experience. (This requirement is included in your ED300 Syllabus.)
- Apply for South Carolina State Department Clinical Practice Clearance.
- Complete fingerprinting for SLED and an FBI background check to prepare for your Clinical.
- If you have a GPA of 3.5 or higher join Pi Lambda Theta.
- Make sure all state testing is complete (Praxis Core, PLT, Praxis II).
- Invest in business casual clothing.
- Attend professional development opportunities and conferences.
- Apply for student teaching at least 9 months before clinical practice. (Feb. 15 for the following Fall and June 15 for the following Spring deadlines)
- Update your GPS Action Plan.
- Meet with your advisor each semester.
- Attend Pre-Student Teaching Benchmark Meeting

Senior Year

- Apply for Graduation
By May 1 for Dec Graduation
By Dec 1 for May Graduation
- Take 30+credit hours. See your 4-year plan for information about your course requirements.
- Complete Clinical Practice.
- Update your GPS Action Plan.
- Visit the Director of Career and Professional Development to review your resume.
- Employ soft skills and a professional presence.
- Finish strong, graduate, and represent Limestone College and the Elementary Education Program well!
- Attend Senior Seminars
- Attend your Final Conference after Clinicals with your CT and US
- Attend your Exit Conference with the Director of Teacher Education

- Failure to meet the Benchmarks in the Program Pathway will result in the student being advised out of the program.

Limestone University Elementary Teacher Education Program Important Information

Application for Admission to the Teacher Education Program

- Successfully complete ED200 with a C or higher, or successfully complete the Teacher Cadet program while in high school.
- Candidates who successfully completed a Teacher Cadet Program in high school, must schedule a meeting with the Director of Teacher Education to prepare for the Teacher Education application process.
- Pass or exempt Praxis Core as required by the SC State Department of Education by the end of your ED200 course.
- Successfully complete 45 semester hours of college credit with a cumulative grade point ration of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Visit this link: [Program Admission Application Materials](#) to download and print the admission forms. (you will need the Application for Admission and three copies of the Faculty reference form.)
- Schedule a quick visit with each of the Teacher Education Faculty members before submitting your application forms. These faculty members are the Teacher Education committee members that will be voting on your acceptance into the program. (A directory of the Education Department Members is attached.)
- Submit a Teacher Education Program application with three letters of recommendation or reference forms (one from a professor of a general education course, one from a professor in the education program, and one from a public school professional.) Deadlines to apply for the Teacher Education program are October 1 and March 1.
- Gain approval from the Teacher Education Committee for acceptance into the Teacher Education Program.

Application for Clinical Practice

- Successfully complete all course requirements (with a grade of “C” or higher) as listed on your student advising worksheet and contained in your Academic Catalog.
- Successfully complete the PLT and Praxis II by the end of the course the test is aligned with:
 - PLT (ED310)
 - Praxis CKT Mathematics (ED345)
 - Praxis CKT Science (ED346)
 - Praxis CKT Social Studies (ED347)
 - Praxis CKT Reading and Language Arts (ED412)
- Visit [LU Teacher Education Program Application Documents](#) to see the SC Department of Education Instructions for Clinical Practice.
- Sign the checklist for Clinical Practice no later than 10 months before your student teaching experience begins.
- Candidates are required to submit a SC Application for Educator Licensure, and IBT electronic fingerprint scan, a copy of their social security card and the application fee 6 months prior to the clinical experience. These materials will be found on the SC Department of Education Website. Visit: [SC Department of Education Clinical Practice Documents](#)
- Candidates who will student teach in August must submit by February 15th prior to student teaching. Candidates who will student teach in January must submit by June 15th prior to student teaching.

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