

**ELEMENTARY and EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION PROGRAMS
TSU @ VSCC**



Who: Undergraduate students seeking a four-year degree and Elementary (K-5) OR Early Childhood (PK-3) Teacher Certification in the State of Tennessee

What: Four-year degree and licensure programs through TSU *at the VSCC campus*.

Where: **Volunteer State Community College** and in clinical placements Sumner County Elementary Schools and in surrounding counties where approved

When:

A.S.T.: Days, Nights, Weekends, and Web-Based Courses (Summer, Maymester, Fall, & Spring during *Years 1 and 2*)

B.S.: Approximately 2 1/2- 4 days (Fall/Spring Semesters during *Years 3 and 4 –FULL Time during final Semester*)

How: For more information about the A.S.T.-PK-3 or A.S.T. K-5 offered through Division of Social Sciences in Education, please visit: <http://www.volstate.edu/Education/> and contact an appropriate advisor.

(*Years 1 and 2-VSCC*)

1. **Get Started:** Apply for admission to Volstate and consult with a Volstate A.S.T. Academic Advisor
(See Catalog: http://catalog.volstate.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=448)
2. Successfully complete all requirements for the A.S.T. in Early Childhood–PK-3 OR Elementary K-5 (including Praxis 1 or ACT requirements)
3. During the final Spring semester of your A.S.T. program, apply for:
 - a. Admission to Tennessee State University *and*
 - b. Admission to the Teacher Education Program at VSCC for the following Fall

(*Years 3 and 4-TSU at VSCC*)

4. Upon acceptance, begin two-year (Fall/Spring +Fall/Spring) B.S. PK-3 *or* K-5 program at VSCC through TSU
5. Pass all required Praxis II exams prior to your final semester (Residency 2/Student Teaching).
6. Successfully complete all course, clinical, Residency (Student Teaching), and Exit requirements.

TSU Teacher Education Program Admission Requirements

Applications to TSU Teacher Education at VSCC will be in Gibson Hall 101 at VSCC in October for the following Fall Admission Date.

1. A.S.T. degree conferred no later than the Spring or Summer term prior to the Fall Admit date to TSU Teacher Ed.
2. Minimum 2.75 GPA
3. Praxis I: Core Academic Skills for Educators Reading-5712 (156), Writing-5722 (162), Math-5732 (150)
OR proof of ACT Composite Score 22 /SAT 1020 (Critical Reading and Mathematics)
4. C average or above in all Math, History, and Science Courses
5. C or better in all English Comp and Education courses
6. Acceptable Professional Disposition Rating (e.g., professionalism, behavior, character, and demeanor of a teacher)
7. “Clean” Background Check
8. Acceptable Ratings on Teacher Education Admission Interview (scheduled after above requirements are met)

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