**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/](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
   
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:
   - Admission to the Teacher Education Program at VSCC for the following Fall
   - Admission to Tennessee State University

**(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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