



B.S. Biology, B.S. Chemistry, & B.S. Physics - Education Track

Student Requirements

Along with meeting all requirements in the academic major, OwlTeach students must meet all teacher preparation requirements established by the Bagwell College of Education as well as additional requirements specific to OwlTeach. The timeline below denotes the order in which each requirement must be met. Specific dates and reminders will be provided by the Administrative Associate.

Please note that all incomplete or missing documentation notifications will be sent to you directly from the office in charge of reviewing the documentation requested. As teacher candidate, it is your responsibility to complete all steps to meet each requirement by its due date to avoid any academic setbacks.

- **Background Check** – OwlTeach students are required to obtain background check clearance no later than the second class meeting of EDSM 1101. All school systems with which Kennesaw State University maintains a partnership for field experiences require a clear criminal history and one million dollars of liability insurance before a student may be placed in a school for a field experience.
 - To complete this requirement, please visit <http://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/centers/cepp/field-experiences/background-checks> and follow the instruction provided by the Center for Education Placements and Partnerships office.

The following requirements are prerequisites to enrollment in SCED 2421

- **Admission to Teacher Education** – OwlTeach students will complete the Teacher Education application process at the completion of EDSM 2010.
 - Course work:
 - 45 semester hours of accredited college coursework
 - ENGL 1101 and 1102 with grades of “C” or better
 - EDSM 1101, 1102 and 2010 with grades of “C” or better
 - GPA requirement:
 - Minimum adjusted or cumulative GPA of 2.75 for all coursework
 - GACE Program Admission Assessment
 - Exemption of this requirement can be obtained with
 - SAT: at least 1000 (Critical Reading and Mathematics) or
 - ACT: at least 43 (English and Mathematics)
 - Please visit <http://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/bcoe/admission-teacher-education/> for information on admission application deadlines, application forms, and detailed information on the process.

- **Registration with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission** – Once admitted to KSU Teacher Education, teacher candidates will receive access to obtain a *MyPSC* account and PSC Identification Number.
- **Completion of the Georgia Educator Ethics Entry Exam (350)** – This exam is mandatory and can only be accessed once a *MyPSC* account and identification number are obtained.
- **Pre-Service Teaching Certification** – This is a mandatory requirement by the State of Georgia.
 - This requirement is meant to:
 - assure the safety of school children;
 - provide opportunities for pre-service teachers to practice/demonstrate knowledge and skills;
 - standardize the criminal background check across the state for pre-service teachers, eliminating those who are not eligible or suited to the profession;
 - assist pre-service educators in understanding the GA Code of Ethics and hold them accountable;
 - require attainment of the pre-service certificate for anyone participating in field experiences and student teaching in GA school.

** (bulleted statements above were taken directly from GaPSC presentation)**

- To satisfy this requirement, please visit <http://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/centers/ess/educator-certification/pre-service-certification/> for application information and forms.

The following requirement will be completed during SCED 2421

- **Practice GACE** - The GACE® Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) are full-length practice tests that allow you to answer one set of test questions to simulate what you will experience on the actual day of the test. After you complete the practice test, you can see if you answered questions correctly or incorrectly and get explanations for the correct answers.

There is only one practice test with one set of test questions for each GACE test; retaking or repurchasing the same practice test more than once does not give you different practice test questions or change the order in which the questions are delivered.

- Please follow the link and choose the appropriate test subject:
http://store.ets.org/store/ets/en_US/DisplayCategoryProductListPage/ThemeID.12805600/categoryID.11794000

The following requirement is prerequisite to BED/CHED/PHED 4422

- **Admission to Yearlong Clinical Experience (YCE Application)** – The final field experience placement will be a year-long placement which will begin Fall semester with BED/CHED/PHED 4422 and continue in the Spring with BED/CHED/PHED 4660.
 - This application is due early in the Spring semester prior to the year-long teaching placement that begins in the BED/CHED/PHED 4422 course. For more information and the application form, please visit http://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/files/4814/5288/7140/YCE_APPLICATION_Update_116_3.pdf

The following requirement is to be completed during BED/CHED/PHED 4660

- **edTPA Submission** - edTPA is a subject specific assessment of teaching proficiencies. edTPA is an external summative assessment of secondary science teaching proficiencies, requiring candidates to document and demonstrate their ability to effectively plan, implement and assess subject matter instruction for all students.
 - For more information on edTPA and its purpose please visit <http://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/centers/cepp/field-experiences/edtpa/>

KSU Graduation Petition

- Students must submit a petition to have their academic records audited for graduation eligibility. This audit will verify that at all university, major, and teacher education requirement have been met.
 - For more information, petition acceptance and deadline, please visit <http://registrar.kennesaw.edu/graduation.php>