



**APSU College of Education  
PreK – 3 Program Handbook**

## Introduction

### **Eriksson College of Education Vision Statement**

The Eriksson College of Education prepares dynamic teachers and educational leaders to positively impact communities and schools in the 21st century.

## Mission Statement

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The mission of the Eriksson College of Education at Austin Peay State University is to prepare educators who are ethical, engaged, and effective leaders. We do so by modeling reflective practice and connecting theory to student-centered learning. We leverage the strengths of our community to foster continuous improvement to reimagine how schools can work.

### **Department Mission**

The Department of Teaching and learning in the Eriksson College of Education, is composed of creative and innovative faculty who are committed to preparing quality teacher candidates who address the needs of local and regional school districts. We promote a diverse student-centered progressive curriculum that serves the academic and rigorous demands of the education profession.

## Policies

### **University Policies**

<https://www.apsu.edu/handbook/student-code/policies-guidelines.php>

### **Disposition Policy: Eriksson College of Education**

The Eriksson College of Education endeavors to prepare candidates who have the ability to become highly competent professionals in education.

#### **Expectations of Candidate Dispositions**

All teacher candidates will be provided with the disposition forms during their coursework in the College of Education. Dispositions expected for those in initial programs will be discussed in EDUC 2100/5500 or equivalent course, published in appropriate teacher education documents, and reinforced throughout the program. Candidates in advanced programs will be provided a form outlining the expected dispositions in their first graduate course. Candidates will be made aware that repeated violations of these dispositions will constitute grounds for the filing of negative disposition forms and the resulting consequences.

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/currentstudents/dispositions.php>

#### **Tennessee Teacher Code of Ethics**

An educator shall strive to help each student realize the student's potential as a worthy and effective member of society. An educator therefore works to stimulate the spirit of inquiry, the acquisition of knowledge and understanding, and the thoughtful formulation of worthy goals.

<https://www.apsu.edu/ready2teach/tncodeofethics.pdf>

### **Required Liability Insurance:**

Prior to any field experience candidates need to purchase liability insurance through the Student Teacher Education Association (STEA) or the Professional Educator Association

<https://ims.nea.org/JoinNea/type.do>

<https://www.proedtn.org/page/LiabilityCoverage>

### **Background Check**

Instructions complete background check:

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/currentstudents/docs/SecurityClearancefingerprintinginstructions.pdf>

Security Check Application

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/currentstudents/docs/VECHS.waiver4.pdf>

## **Program Objectives/goals**

### **Commitment**

1. Promote Curiosity through Experiential Learning: Our student-centered programs, practices and curricula foster intellectual curiosity, problem-solving, and inquiry based on research and theory.
2. Support Reflective Practitioners: Our faculty and students engage in honest self- reflection and strive to meet the needs of a diverse society.
3. Empower Change Agents and Ethical Leaders: We are deeply committed to social justice.
4. Value Diversity and Equity: We seek opportunities to learn from multiple perspectives and diverse voices.
5. Foster Campus and Community Relationships: Our partnerships extend within and beyond the campus to build collaborative relationships with school districts and community leaders.

## **Curriculum**

### **PreK-3 Concentration**

<https://www.apsu.edu/programs/undergraduate/education-interdisciplinary-studies-pre-k-3.php>

### **Transition Points and Licensure (Undergraduate)**

- Transition Point Requirements for Teacher Certification  
<https://www.apsu.edu/education/undergradmilestones.php>
- Printable Transition Point Checklist for Undergrad  
<https://www.apsu.edu/education/UGTransitionjan2022.pdf>

**Praxis II Tennessee Assessment Requirements:** The following Praxis exams must be completed with the minimum test score indicated prior to student teaching

- 5024 Education of Young Children (156)
- 5025 Early Childhood Education (160)
- Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (159)
- <https://www.ets.org/praxis/tn/requirements/>

### **edTPA (Educative Teacher Performance Assessment)**

The edTPA is a preservice assessment process designed by educators to answer the essential question: "Is a new teacher ready for the job?" The edTPA is designed to measure teacher candidate effectiveness in the classroom by focusing on student learning. edTPA is comprised of three tasks: Planning, Instruction, and Assessment. Each task is broken into five sections measured by a specific rubric, and scored by nationally certified scorers. Austin Peay's College of Education has incorporated the edTPA preparation program throughout the education curriculum to prepare students to excel in the edTPA assessment and the classroom.

<https://www.apsu.edu/ready2teach/edtpa.php>

[https://www.apsu.edu/ready2teach/ready2teach-](https://www.apsu.edu/ready2teach/ready2teach-faq#:~:text=The%20Tennessee%20State%20Board%20of,42%20for%20Fall%20semester%202017.)

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### **LiveText**

All candidates are required to purchase a LiveText subscription. Key assessments and dispositions are scored via the course instructor on the LiveText platform. This can be obtained at the bookstore or at <https://www.livetext.com/>

### **Standards**

Candidates of the Eriksson College of Education follow a specific degree program, which addresses the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Model Core Teaching Standards. InTASC is a consortium of state education agencies and national educational organizations dedicated to the reform of the preparation, licensing, and ongoing professional development of teachers. These standards are embedded throughout the program.

<https://ccsso.org/resource-library/intasc-model-core-teaching-standards>

### **Program Faculty Advisors**

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## **Accreditation**

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The Eriksson College of Education at Austin Peay State University has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for over sixty years. Our last accreditation was in 2021; the next accreditation visit, now conducted by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), will take place in 2026. Accreditation is the seal of approval that verifies quality in educator preparation.

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/>

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/caepdata/annualreportingmeasures.php>

### **College of Education Faculty & Staff**

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/faculty-staff.php>

### **College of Education Helpful Resources**

<https://www.apsu.edu/education/resources.php>

## Additional Resources

### **STEA (Student Tennessee Education Association)**

Pre-service teacher STEA strives to maintain the core values of teacher quality, community outreach, and political action.

<http://www.teateachers.org/student-tennessee-education-association-stea>

### **Office of Student Research & Innovation**

Undergraduate research is an opportunity available to our PreK-3 majors.

<https://www.apsu.edu/osri/>

### **Learning Resource Center**

Peer tutoring, online tutoring, and workshops

<https://www.apsu.edu/lrc/>

### **Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)**

Established to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching as well as to sustain an honored community of diverse educators by promoting excellence and advancing scholarship, leadership and service.

<https://www.kdp.org/home>

### **APSU Writing Center**

Free one-on-one writing support online or in-person (walk-in or by appointment)

<https://www.apsu.edu/writingcenter/>

### **Student Counseling Services**

Individual counseling, drop-in counseling, and group support options for your emotional and mental health

<https://www.apsu.edu/health-and-counseling/counseling/index.php>

### **Student Emergency Services**

Food pantry, health services, emergency loans, and more

[https://www.apsu.edu/student-success/emergency\\_services.php](https://www.apsu.edu/student-success/emergency_services.php)