Pre-Secondary Education Helpful Hints

All students declaring education as their major come into the College of Education as pre-education students. Students remain a pre-education student until they complete a series of initial requirements for the College of Education which allow them to be admitted to candidacy, the first step in becoming an education student at Armstrong.

1) Students are encouraged to take the following classes listed below in the first three to four semesters of admission to Armstrong. It is highly recommended that students take EDUC 2110 prior to taking EDUC 2120 and EDUC 2130.

- ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, One MATH course in Area A (MATH 1001, MATH 1111 or MATH 1113).
- EDUC 2110, EDUC 2120, and EDUC 2130 (has a 30 hour field experience and requires a background check ($6.50 or $12.00 if married) and Professional Liability Insurance (an additional cost).

2) All of the classes listed above must be passed with a grade C or better.

3) Courses in the CORE and area F that are suggested for Secondary Education students to take that will assist them with their future GACE content exams in Secondary Education.

- **Math content area**- MATH 1113 (Pre-Calculus), MATH 1161 (Calculus I), MATH 2072 (Calculus II), MATH 2083 (Calculus III), MATH 2200 (Elementary Statistics), and MATH 2160 (Linear Algebra).
- **Science content area**- MATH 1111 (College Algebra), BIOL 1107/1107L (Principles of Biology I), Biology 1108/1108L (Principles of Biology II), BIOL 2010 (Microbiology), BIOL 2400 (Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology), CHEM 1211/1211L (Principles of Chemistry I), CHEM 1212/1212L (Principles of Chemistry II), CHEM 2200 (Science, Technology, and the Modern World), and CHEM 2600 (Ethical Theories and Moral Issues in the Sciences).
- **Social Studies content area**- GEOG 1100 (World Regional Geography), GEOG 2120 (Cultural Geography) HIST 1111 (Civilization I), HIST 1112 (Civilization II), POLS 1150 (World Politics), ECON 2105 (Principles of Macroeconomics), ECON 2106 (Principles of Microeconomics), HIST 2111 (History of America to 1877), HIST 2112 (History of America since 1865), POLS 2100 (Introduction to Political Science), and HIST 2000 (Ethics and Values in History).
- **Language Arts content area**- ENGL 2100 (Literature and Humanities), ENGL 2121 (British Lit I), ENGL 2122 (British Lit II), ENGL 2131 (American Lit I), and ENGL 2132 (American Lit II).

4) Students must either exempt the GACE Program Admission Tests or pass the GACE Program Admission Tests which include (Reading, Writing and Math).

*Students can be exempt from the GACE Program Admission Requirements if they have one of the following scores listed below:

- SAT Score of 1000 (Verbal and Math combined)
- ACT Score of 43 (English and Math combined)

*If a student is not exempt from the Program Admission Tests, we recommend students take the exam after they have taken English 1101 and 1102 and their required math course. Information about the GACE Program Admission exams can be found at [www.gace.ets.org](http://www.gace.ets.org). This website has resources and study material available to you.

5) Students must complete the Georgia Educator Ethics Exam prior to applying for candidacy.

6) In order to be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 2.5 overall GPA. If a student does not have the required 2.5 GPA, they will not be admitted to the College of Education. Students, who are having difficulty maintain a 2.5, should seek immediate assistance from their academic advisor.
Students should also have a backup plan in mind if they are not able to be admitted to the College of Education.

7) All pre-education students must be admitted into the program after completing 60 hours or they will be asked to change their major.

8) Admission to Candidacy occurs at three key points during the academic year: There will be candidacy meetings held each semester to review how to complete the candidacy packets and students are strongly encouraged to attend.
   - September 15th for the spring semester
   - February 15th for the summer semester
   - May 15th for the fall semester

*Students can apply to be admitted by the above due dates if they are working on completing a requirement for candidacy during the application semester, but it is very important for students not to wait to the last minute to take the required classes or the GACE Program Admission Test as this could delay student’s candidacy.

9) All pre-education students are required to be advised during the fall and spring semesters. Advisement for the spring semester occurs in October and advisement for summer and the fall semester occurs in March. Summer classes are available but they may not run if they have low enrollment. Information about the advisement process will be sent to the student’s university e-mail address.

10) The College of Education does not offer on-line courses for our undergraduate Education degree programs. Secondary content courses are the most difficult part of the Secondary Education major so it is important to take the courses when they are offered. Deviating from the recommended schedule could delay a student’s graduation.

11) Students should check their Armstrong e-mail daily. The Armstrong e-mail serves as the universities official way to communicate with students. Important information from all offices on campus comes to the assigned e-mail address. Student’s can forward their Armstrong e-mail to another e-mail address. Information about this process can be found at www.armstrong.edu/Departments/cis_apps/cis_apps_google_email

12) Students should sign up for the College of Education blog at www.coeblog.armstrong.edu. The blog relays important information from the College of Education about deadlines, events, workshops and other important announcements.

13) Students should keep all advisement materials in a designated folder so they are aware of their program of study and the correct classes needed for their designated major.

14) Your Academic Advisor is a valuable resource.

Program
- Early Childhood Education
- ECED, Child & Family Studies (non-cert)
- Special Education

Program
- Health & Physical Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education

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We are excited that you have chosen Armstrong and the College of Education. We look forward getting to know you, assisting you with your academic program of study and seeing you graduate as a successful teacher!