

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

In order to attract and hold a superior quality of major students, the faculty of the Department of Exercise Science has established minimum admission and retention standards for all students who desire to major in the professional teaching program in Exercise Science.

At the beginning of EXS 291: Exploring Teaching Physical Education, the student must obtain an application for admission into the School of Education professional program. Transfer students should obtain this form at Southern Connecticut State University during their second semester at Southern. These forms will be made available to students in EXS 291, from the department, or a copy of these forms can be found at the end of this handbook.

Calendar for Applications to Professional Program and School of Education:

Students enrolled in EXS 291 – March 15 or October 15

Transfer students – during 2nd semester enrolled at SCSU, March 15 or October 15

All graduate students – March 15 or October 15

Admission (Junior Year)

Admission to the School of Education as a teaching certification major student is achieved by adhering to the following:

Teacher Certification

1. Successful completion of EXS 191, EXS 291, EXS 281 and EXS 282, and SHE 203.
2. Successful completion of the All-University Requirement in Math, Speech/Communication, and English Comp 101 necessary before admission (though not before applying).
3. Minimum Quality Point Ratio of 2.70 – necessary overall average from all undergraduate and graduate courses at time of entry.
4. Submission of Chapter One of the Portfolio, which includes the School of Education application.
5. An interview by the ExSTEP Admission Committee. The Committee must approve of each applicant.
6. SAT Waiver: A total ** score of 1,050 on the SAT, with neither the mathematics nor the verbal subtest scores below 400 points **from any test administration on or prior to March 31, 1995** or a combined score of 1,100 or more with no less than 450 on either the verbal or the mathematics subtests **from test administrations on or after April 1, 1995.**
or
PRAXIS I Examination must be passed for admission into the professional program and to be eligible to student teach. It is suggested that PRAXIS I examinations be completed in the Freshman year. A fee is required. Information about the PRAXIS I examinations can be obtained from the School of Education office (DA 103) or www.ets.com
7. Must submit a transcript of all undergraduate and graduate coursework to date included in Chapter One of the Portfolio.

Retention

An Exercise Science Major must maintain a 2.7 GPA and continually demonstrate behavior consistent with School of Education and ExSTEP principles (SAILS) in order to be retained in the Professional Program. Lack of any of the above criteria is sufficient cause for rejection from the Professional Program.

Admission to Student Teacher Semester

Admission to the Student Teaching Semester is achieved by adhering to the following:

1. Grade Point Average of 2.7 or above.
2. Completion of all coursework and program requirements, except for Student Teaching Semester.

The ExSTEP Portfolio

As part of the assessment program in Exercise Science Teacher Preparation, each student submits a Working Portfolio which documents competencies, learnings, and growth over the four-year academic career. Portfolio requirements are summarized as follows:

- Gate One** is the entry stage of the School of Education. The ExSTEP student begins the portfolio with Chapter One, which is the application for admission to the professional-level program. This process is included in the requirements of EXS 291: Exploring Teaching Physical Education.
- Gate Two** is the completion of EXS 394: Physical Education in the Elementary School. The completion of Chapter Two of the portfolio is included in the requirements of EXS 394.
- Gate Three** is the completion of EXS 495: Physical Education in the Secondary School. The completion of Chapter Three of the portfolio is included in the requirements of EXS 495.
- Gate Four** is the completion of Student Teaching. The completion of Chapter Four of the portfolio is included in the requirements of EXS 442: Seminar in Student Teaching.

Specific criteria for the Four Gate Portfolio Chapters will be provided by instructors in EXS 291, EXS 394, EXS 495, and EXS 442 at the beginning of each course.