



Give this form to: A professor in the department of your major; if you are a Liberal Arts major, give it to a professor who could speak to your academic ability. This professor will send it to the Education Department.

ACADEMIC MAJOR RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION

Student's Name _____

Major and Licensure Area(s) _____

- I have met the VA Praxis I Requirements (or by the ACT/SAT satisfying scores)
- I have taken Praxis I but have not met the VA Praxis I Requirements
- I have not taken Praxis I. I plan to take Praxis I on: _____

has applied for admission to teacher education. On the basis of your knowledge of the candidate, particularly as related to his/her work in your department, and the following knowledge, skills, and dispositions, circle the appropriate number.

Instructions: Please rate the **consistency** and **quality** of the candidate's ability to demonstrate each outcome.
 3-Exemplary demonstration of this outcome
 2-Competent demonstration of this outcome
 1-Unacceptable demonstration of this outcome

The successful teacher candidate is able to:

Scholarship: to acquire knowledge through the liberal arts, Global Village General Education Curriculum and specialty area studies and to organize and integrate that knowledge across disciplines and cultures. 3 2 1

Inquiry: to generate questions and to use critical thinking to self-assess, to view problems collaboratively and from multiple perspectives, and to make informed, research-based decisions to enhance student learning. 3 2 1

Professional Knowledge: to demonstrate pedagogical and professional knowledge in order to create, manage, and assess diverse environments conducive to learning setting high expectations. 3 2 1

Communication: to acquire and use knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and technological communication strategies to support student learning, to solve problems, and to create peaceable climates. 3 2 1

Caring: to develop a nurturing spirit that honors diversity, advocates for students, integrates Christian faith and ethics, and promotes peacebuilding in diverse settings. 3 2 1

Leadership: demonstrate high aspirations for themselves and their profession and to influence positive change in educational settings. 3 2 1

Instructions: Please rate the **consistency** and **quality** of the candidate's ability to demonstrate each disposition.

3-Exemplary demonstration of this trait or behavior

2-Competent demonstration of this trait or behavior

1-Unacceptable demonstration of this trait or behavior

Dispositions of Caring, Reflective Practitioners

Caring About Personal and Professional Responsibility

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| 1. demonstrates professional responsibility
(i.e. is consistent and punctual in attendance, comes to class prepared, meets deadlines, trustworthy, presents positive outlook, meets appropriate expectations regarding appearance) | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. takes responsibility for actions | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. regulates personal emotions | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. maintains collaborative, positive relationships with colleagues | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. develops positive relationships with those in authority | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6. shows mature judgment | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7. holds high expectations for all students | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Caring About Relationships in Learning Communities:

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| 1. considers multiple perspectives (listens actively, responds well to criticism or suggestions) | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. promotes compassionate and just learning environments | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. demonstrates passion/enthusiasm about learning and teaching | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. values diversity (eager to work with persons from a variety of perspectives and cultural/ethnic groups) | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Caring About Reflective Practice (complete if applicable):

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| 1. makes decisions based upon reflection, research, and best practice | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. uses critical thinking to self-assess, to evaluate progress and to set realistic goals | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. commits to planning, teaching, assessment, and reflection as an ongoing process to enhance student learning | 3 | 2 | 1 |

Please check the correct statement and provide additional comments.

The Department/I recommend(s) this person for admission to teacher education. **Explain below.**

The Department/I recommend(s) this person with reservations for admission to teacher educ. **Explain.**

The Department does/I do not recommend this person for admission to teacher education. **Explain below.**

Comments:

Department Head/Liberal Arts Professor Signature Date

Education Program Coordinator Signature Date