



Application for Admission to Candidacy

In Pennsylvania, teacher candidacy is an important step in the Teacher Education Progress Process. The requirements to obtain candidacy are defined in Title 22, Chapter 49 of the Pennsylvania Code. Achievement of candidacy status allows students to progress in their teacher preparation programs by engaging in advanced coursework and participating in clinical experiences. The PDE requirements for candidacy include:

- Completion of a minimum of 48 credits, but no more than 60 credits
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Successful completion of 2 math courses, 1 English course, and 1 literature course
- Up-to-date, clean clearances
- Demonstration of appropriate professional behaviors/dispositions

Directions: All undergraduate students must complete pages 1 and 2 of the candidacy application, attach the required documentation, and submit the packet to the certification specialist. In addition, students will provide faculty recommendation forms to two RMU faculty who will return the completed recommendations directly to the certification specialist. Submission of the application does not guarantee admission into the teacher education program. Your application will be reviewed for academics and professional dispositions. Upon review, if the application is approved, the student will receive a letter indicating they have been granted candidacy status.

Name: _____

RMU ID # : _____

Date: _____

RMU E-mail: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Number of credits completed/applied _____ GPA _____

Please indicate your intended certification area(s):

- Biology (7–12)
- Early Childhood (PreK–4)
- Early Childhood (PreK-4)/Special Education (PK-12)
- English (7–12)
- Social Studies (7–12)
- Special Education (PK-12)

1. Please list the course number and title of the two college-level math courses (6 credits) taken. (Note: Math 0900 courses do not meet this requirement.)

2. Please list the course number and title of the two English college-level courses taken (6 credits) (3 of English/CSEN/CSCM and 3 of Literature ENGL)

3. Please list the two RMU faculty (at least one from the Education department faculty) who you have requested to complete a Faculty Recommendation Professional Behavior Rubric for your candidacy application.

Faculty Member's Name: _____

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The following documentation must accompany this application. Applications without appropriate materials may be returned for resubmission.

- current checksheet
- current copies of the two required PA clearances, PA Child Abuse & PA Criminal (both must be less than 1 year old)
- copy of your FBI clearance (must be less than 1 year old)

RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION OFFICE, WHEATLEY 204.