



## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Teacher Certification Program (727)**

*Students must have:*

1. An undergraduate degree in a content field for elementary and a degree or 30 credits in a content area + 9 credits in no more than 3 related areas for secondary. Secondary majors must comply with course Requirements/competencies as well.
2. A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.7. Only grades of “C” or better will be accepted for all courses. For those applicants whose GPA is less than 2.7, there is a [GPA Waiver Policy and Application](#).
3. Passed Praxis I or have waiver letter based on SAT, ACT, or GRE scores. Praxis I is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). We suggest that you register to take this three-part exam as soon as possible or apply for a waiver.

The Sylvan Learning Center (Prometric Testing Center) should be contacted to schedule the exam. The University of New Haven also serves as a test center for the Praxis I PPST and Praxis II subject area tests. Praxis II tests will be administered on 7 dates during the school year. Use [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) to register. Questions regarding the UNH location should be referred to Ms. Linda Okeke, 203-932-7331.

Praxis I Waiver Application that can be obtained from the State Website:  
[http://www.state.ct.us/sde/dtl/cert/certform/ed\\_192.pdf](http://www.state.ct.us/sde/dtl/cert/certform/ed_192.pdf)

4. Passed the appropriate Praxis II or ACTFL examinations if applying as a secondary major in accordance with the following Department policy:

”Candidates wishing to be certified as teachers in secondary education (any subject) must, as a condition of admission, have either: a) taken and passed the corresponding Praxis II or ACTFL subject exam by the start of the first program course or b) be scheduled to take the exam by the start of the first program course.

Candidates must have passed the exam no later than the deadline for their respective student teaching application cycle”.

The paper based Praxis II examination is administered on seven dates in the year and your scores will not be available for 3-4 weeks from the date of test administration. Some Praxis II examinations are offered in a computer-delivered format and are given by appointment. For more information on computer-delivered test dates, please see [www.ets.org/praxis/register](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register).

Because Praxis II is an entrance requirement for secondary candidates, applicants should schedule the test early enough to meet the application deadline for your respective program start date. Exceptions to this policy may be granted for special circumstances, but in no case will candidates be allowed to apply for student teaching until they have passed the examination.

5. Taken General Education prerequisites as listed below. Students may begin the program with two or fewer outstanding undergraduate prerequisites. All students must have a minimum of 39 General Education credits.

11 General Education Courses for Elementary Certification:	8 General Education Courses for Secondary Certification:
2 English	2 English
2 mathematics	1 mathematics
2 natural science (1 w/lab)	1 natural science
2 social science	1 social science
1 U.S. History	1 U. S. History
1 Fine Arts	1 Fine Arts
1 Foreign Language	1 Foreign Language