HISTORY (BA) - SECONDARY EDUCATION TRACK

Admission Requirements

Admission into the Teacher Education Program. During the sophomore year, students intending to complete a teacher education program make formal application to the teacher education program. Normally, this occurs after the student has completed three semesters of full-time course work. Application is made to the COEHP Office of Student Advising and Field Experiences.

Admission to the Teacher Education Program is based on the following:

- Completion of EDUC 2130 Exploring Learning and Teaching (or approved equivalent) with a grade of ‘C’ or better
- Completion of 45 earned semester hours in the core with an overall GPA of 2.50 or better on all transcripts and a CSU GPA of 2.50 or better
- Completion of nine earned semester hours at Columbus State University with a minimum institutional GPA of 2.5 (required of all transfer students)
- Satisfactory performance on the GACE Program Admission test or an exemption based upon satisfactory scores on the SAT (1000 combined score), ACT (43 combined score), or GRE (1030 combined score)
- Good academic standing during the semester in which admission is requested
- Completion of FBI background check with fingerprints indicating no criminal record or discharge from the armed services that could prevent recommendation for teacher certification
- Completion of the Program Entry level (350) of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission’s Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment
- Health and PE majors only: Certificate of successful completion of the Health Fitness Test
- Have not been withdrawn, removed from or denied admission to a teacher education program or student teaching at CSU or another institution.
- Failure to disclose information and/or submission of false information may result in immediate dismissal from the College of Education and Health Professions Teacher Education Program.

Additional admissions criteria may be applied at the departmental level. Admission decisions are appealable to the College of Education and Health Professions Undergraduate Council.

Additional Program Requirements

To be eligible for CSU’s recommendation for a Georgia professional teaching certificate, students must complete a rigorous program of coursework. They also must meet certain other criteria required by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Please contact the COEHP Student Advising & Field Experiences office at 706-568-2191 or 706-568-2194 for further information.