

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY CRITERIA OVERVIEW FOR
ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (APS) ADMISSION and RETENTION

*The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has established requirements for certification to teach in Pennsylvania. To prepare you to meet these requirements, Millersville University has developed criteria for admission to and retention in APS courses. APS standing is conditional upon meeting and maintaining requirements throughout the degree program. APS status is not permanent; it can be revoked. Below you will find an overview of the requirements. *Please see the Field Services web site for complete details.*

The criteria for APS Admission and Retention are:

1. The completion of 60 semester hours of credit.
2. A Millersville University minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0
3. Qualifying scores on the PRAXIS I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST - Reading, Writing, and Math) to be submitted by ETS to Millersville University
4. Satisfactory clearances: ACT 34 Criminal Record Check, ACT 151 Child Abuse History, and ACT 114 FBI fingerprinting. You must submit the required photocopies and registration information to the Field Services Office for your file.
5. Satisfactory completion of *all requirements for the major degree program*, as well as the following:
 - Two 3 credit college-level Mathematics courses*(MATH prefix)
 - One 3 credit college-level English Literature course (ENGL prefix)
 - Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 100)
 - One 3 credit college level English writing course* (ENGL 110 included)
6. Favorable faculty recommendations *for undergraduate, post baccalaureate, and second degree students:*
 - By default, all students receive favorable recommendation to APS through the dispositions assessment process.
 - An APS "hold" will be placed on any student with new or unresolved disposition concerns.

Students who do not meet APS requirements should contact their advisor for guidance and/or remediation.

Students who have not yet completed APS requirements, but are in the process of completing requirements prior to their APS semester, must register for those APS course "wait lists" to be eligible to add APS courses once APS requirements have been met. Students must be on a course wait list by December 1 for spring semester or May 1 for fall semester to be considered for a place in the class.

The Criteria for Admission to Student Teaching are:

1. Grade point average of 3.0 at the time of student teaching
2. Satisfactory dispositions record
3. A negative TB tine test (completed within one year) must be on file with the Field Services Office
4. Photocopies of satisfactory ("no record") clearances on file with the Field Services Office (ACT 34 Criminal Record Check, ACT 151 Child Abuse History, and ACT 114 FBI Fingerprinting response)
5. Evidence of having current liability insurance

All students are encouraged to take PRAXIS II tests prior to Student Teaching. PRAXIS II test scores must be submitted by ETS to Millersville University.

Complete APS Admission Criteria

Undergraduate:

1. You must complete 60 semester hours of credit. (This includes transfer credits allied to the major.)
2. A Millersville University **minimum cumulative grade point average (QPA)** of 3.0. (This is separate from the major GPA).
3. Qualifying scores on the PRAXIS I Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST - Reading, Writing, and Math) to be submitted by ETS to Millersville University.

Passing scores:

Reading	172
Writing	173
Math	173

Composite score minimum (effective 1/1/2009):

Reading	169
Writing	170
Math	170

Sum of all 3 tests must = 521 to be eligible

4. Satisfactory completion of the following courses (this may be as per major requirements or in addition to):
 - One (1) college-level (3 credits) English Writing course (ENGL 110 included)
Students with a score of 600 or above on the SAT II Writing subject test may request a 3-credit equivalence for the English composition requirement
(The 3 credits of English Literature and 3 credits of English Composition are to be taken in the first 48 credits of a candidates program)
 - One (1) college-level (3 credits) literature course with and ENGL
 - Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 100)
 - Two (2) college-level (6 credits) Mathematics courses
 - Biology majors may count BIOL 375 - "Biometry" as a 3-credit Math course
 - Transfer students who have taken a course that has a significant statistics component may request a waiver for one (1) 3-credit Math course

Note: College-level mathematics would be defined as college level math usually taken through the college math department.

Examples of **acceptable** coursework: Algebra, finite math, geometry, statistics, business math, etc.

Examples of **unacceptable** math coursework: Economics, accounting, methods of teaching math, computer science, remedial math, developmental math, etc.

(Students with a score of 560 or above on the SAT II Math Level I Assessment may request a 3-credit equivalence for one (1) of the Math requirement)

"Satisfactory completion" is dependent on the major requirements, for example: BSE ELED requires that you pass the above English Composition and COMM 100 with no less than a "C" to complete the program. This is separate from the PA State requirement that you must complete with a passing grade.

Post-baccalaureate

Please refer to the APS admission sheet you received with course requirements upon admission to the program. If your APS admission sheet indicates that you have a GPA requirement, the required number of credits must be completed, to adjust your QPA, prior to admission to APS regardless of the number of credits remaining in major. You must also have completed all the necessary requirements indicated on that APS admission sheet prior to admission to APS (this includes registration for the APS listed courses).