

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
CLEMMER COLLEGE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO  
TEACHER EDUCATION**

**YOU MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS NOTED BELOW OR YOUR APPLICATION  
WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

The following items must be included with your board application and must be delivered to the Clemmer College, Office of Student Services, 321 Warf Pickel Hall by the posted deadline date. Applications must be received by the deadline date at the close of business that day at 4:30pm.

1. Official evidence of attained required scores on all portions of the Praxis Core or Praxis I (PPST) or required score on the ACT or SAT.

- If you need evidence of your ACT or SAT score, and it is noted on your student academic account through ETSU, we can print that off for you. If your scores are not noted on your account, you may obtain evidence of those scores through the high school from which you graduated.
- If you take the Praxis Core (Praxis 1 before July 2014), be sure to retain a copy of all score reports for your personal records. ETS only makes the scores available for a short window of time. After that they charge for additional score reports. Although you will also want to have a copy sent to the ETSU Clemmer College, these scores can take up to six weeks to arrive. Therefore, you may bring the scores you receive from ETS to 321 Warf Pickel, and we will make a copy to add to your application.

2. Transcript

A transcript may be printed from your Goldlink account, but you must write the following statement at the end of the transcript: **“To the best of my knowledge, this transcript is correct.” Then, sign your name.**

- If you choose to request an “issued to student” transcript from the Registrar’s Office, it **MUST** be requested prior to the application deadline date and **MUST** be added to your board application. **DO NOT REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT TO THE CLEMMER COLLEGE.**

3. Program of Study (check sheet) with all grades listed. (Be sure to document approved substitutions for listed courses.)

4. Completed essay: be sure to directly and completely answer the essay question included with this application. Essays should be approximately 2 pages double-spaced. The rules pertaining to academic honesty apply to this essay—it must be your own work, and any sources must be properly cited. **Please sign your essay.**

5. ALL students must complete a background check and receive clearance. This must be completed at least 4 weeks prior to submitting your application to Teacher Education. You must follow the Clemmer College guidelines for your background check. Guidelines are available on the Clemmer College website at [www.etsu.edu/coe/](http://www.etsu.edu/coe/) or in the Office of Student services (321 Warf-Pickel). Once completed the background check report will come to our office and we will add it to your board application. The background check must be less than a year old at the time of the board interviews. Background checks from other organizations cannot be used by our institution.

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

Completed applications will be forwarded to the Board interview coordinators specific to students' licensure areas. Admissions Boards will be comprised of one or more faculty from interviewing departments, a public school teacher, and other individuals as deemed appropriate. Admissions Boards will review students' files prior to the formal interviews. Questions asked during the interviews will be developed to ascertain students' general knowledge, ability to communicate, and potential for success in the teaching profession; the interview is not a course examination. Admissions Boards will determine if students meet admissions criteria. Students will be notified by mail of admissions decisions. If admission is denied, applicants may follow the established appeals process or denied applicants may board again at a future date.



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## ESSAY QUESTION

**Directions:** Please compose an answer on a separate piece of paper to the question below for your department by using word processing of your choice. Attach your response to this application. Organize your thoughts carefully, using correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Essays should be approximately 2 pages double-spaced. We take this essay seriously and expect it to represent your writing at its most proficient level. Sign and date your response.

**Question:** Special Education (K-12) Students

Identify and describe the effective characteristics that teachers need to address and/or develop in students as we prepare them in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Word Processing used: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ETSU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_