



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Application for Graduate Admission – MCERT Pathways – Initial Teacher Certification

As part of the application process, MCERT Pathways applicants are to have a preliminary transcript review, submit evidence of having reviewed the Foundational Competencies (FC) & Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) Introduction and meet requirements for the basic skills test. [Please upload a combined pdf of your transcript review, FC/MCEE form and Basic Skills Test\(if applicable\) into the Supplemental Application Upload section.](#)

PART I: Preliminary Transcript Review

As part of the admissions process, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a copy of their transcripts to verify requisite coursework for the content/aged based area that they are pursuing in the master's certification pathway. Please submit a **Transcript Review Request** to: www.go.umd.edu/PrelimReview as soon as possible. The transcript review can take 2 to 4 weeks to be completed. Upon receipt of your transcript review, applicants should upload it to their application.

PART II: Foundational Competencies

All graduate students who are in an approved program leading to initial teacher certification, or advanced certification, in professional preparation programs, are expected to demonstrate that they are prepared to work with children and youth in educational settings. This preparation results from the combination of successful completion of university coursework and field/internship experiences and the demonstration of important human characteristics and dispositions that all educators should possess. **Applicants to the IMCP/MCERT pathway are required to review the Foundational Competencies (FC) & Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) Introduction and submit an acknowledgement survey. A PDF copy of the completed acknowledgement survey must be uploaded to the TerpEngage Application.**

https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_bHhjk8jmRtwDL8i

PART I: Basic Skills Test Requirements

One of the following basic skills tests that meets the required cut-off scores must be uploaded and submitted as part of the application. This requirement will be waived if your most recent degree GPA is above a 3.0 GPA.

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators	Test Code	MD Score
Reading	5713	156
Writing	5723	162
Mathematics	5733	150
Reading	5712	156
Writing	5722	162
Mathematics	5732	150
Praxis I: PPST/CPPST Prior to September 1, 2014		
Reading	5710	177
Writing	5720	173
Mathematics	5730	177
SAT (prior to April, 1995) (math and verbal)		1000
SAT (after April, 1995) (math and verbal or math and critical reading)		1100
GRE (prior to September 1, 2011) (math and verbal)		1000
GRE (taken as of September 1, 2011) (math and verbal)		297
ACT		24
Undergraduate or Graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher	Basic Skills Test Waived with GPA	Basic Skills Test Waived with GPA

Praxis II Requirements

The Praxis II Content Knowledge examination is required by June 1st for MCERT and IMCP programs.

Praxis II exceptions:

- Art, Physical Education, and TESOL (PreK-12 areas)
 - Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
- World Languages Praxis II and **ACTFL requirements:
 - [Chinese](#)

- Chinese (Mandarin) content is required
- **OPI required

French, German, and Spanish

- Content knowledge is required
- **OPI required

Italian and Russian

- Content knowledge is not required (is not offered)
- **OPI and WPT required

**All World Language students have additional examination requirements by ACTFL, the *American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages*, and must qualify at the minimum levels listed below.

ACTFL OPI and WPT Passing Score Requirements for World Language Students

OPI (Oral Proficiency Interview) is required for all World Language students

(OPI NCATE standards differ from MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

Chinese: Intermediate High Level

French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish: Advanced Low Level

WPT (Writing Proficiency Test) is required for Italian and Russian

(WPT must meet MSDE standards. The minimum qualification levels are listed below.)

Italian and Russian: Intermediate High Level

Chinese, French, German, or Spanish: WPT is not required