

**East Tennessee State University  
College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Social Work  
and the Clemmer College of Education**

**Approved Program of Study in School Social Work**

**Requirements for Licensure as a School Social Worker (Tennessee #488)**

- I. Candidates for licensure must complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in social work at East Tennessee State University or another social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Also, candidates must complete social work field experience **in an approved school setting** and complete Social Work 4467, Seminar in School Social Work.
- II. Major courses must include the following:
  - SOWK 3000 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3)
  - SOWK 3010 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)
  - SOWK 3430 Social Welfare Policy & Services (3)
  - SOWK 4310 Social Work Practice I (4)
  - SOWK 4320 Social Work Practice II (4)
  - SOWK 4453 Field Practicum (16)
  - SOWK 4467 Seminar in School Social Work (3)
- III. In addition to the requirements in social work, candidates must complete the following two courses in the College of Education.

Department of Teaching and Learning:

**EDFN 3301 – Issues in Education** [Must be admitted to Teacher Education before enrolling in this course. See below.]

**SPED 2300 – Exceptional Learners**

**III. Additional Requirements:**

1. Fulfillment of the College of Education's Teacher Education Admissions policies:
  - a. Candidates must contact the Office of Student Services to file a Declaration of Intent To Pursue Professional Licensure in Education and start a file. Telephone (423) 439-7626.
  - b. Candidates must file an application to go before the board and be accepted **BEFORE** taking courses that require admissions to teacher education and **BEFORE** student teaching. (This will require that a background check be completed and clearance be granted 4 weeks prior to the board application deadline of selected board interview.)
  - c. Candidates must meet the following qualifications before meeting with the Teacher Education Admissions Board.

- (1) Complete 30 semester hours of general education core courses as specified with a minimum 2.75 GPA and have a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.
- (2) If not previously licensed for public school, the student must achieve qualifying **Praxis Core** scores or meet policies for exemption – enhanced ACT composite of 22 or combined math/verbal on SAT of 1020.

#### IV. **Field Experience:**

1. Field experience in a school setting must be coordinated and arranged through the Director of Field Experience and Residency in the College of Education and the Director of Field Instruction in the Department of Social Work.
2. Students are expected to comply with the student teaching deadlines and attend the student teaching orientation. Also, students must attend required field seminars in the Department of Social Work.

#### V. **Licensure:**

In order to be issued a Tennessee School Social Worker License, eligible ETSU candidates must file an application with the Licensure Analyst in the College of Education. (Note: At this date, the Tennessee Dept. of Education is not requiring the Praxis II Specialty Area test in school social work.)

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