## PATHWAY TO DEGREE/CERTIFICATION

Early Childhood Education * Elementary Education * Special Education * Middle Level Education * Secondary Education  
(Music Ed Majors must contact program coordinator)

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| Freshman     | • Take Praxis CORE or ACT or SAT  
• Attend ICE Activities  
• Collect Writing Proficiency Portfolio papers  
• Maintain **minimum 2.75 GPA** | Praxis CORE info and registration: [http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/)  
Praxis CORE resources: [https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/praxis/](https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/praxis/)  
ICE: [https://www.usca.edu/academic-affairs/general-education/ICE/](https://www.usca.edu/academic-affairs/general-education/ICE/) |
| Sophomore    | • Apply to the Professional Program (in semester attaining 60 credit hours) (online, turn in to advisor)  
• Collect Writing Proficiency Portfolio papers  
• Attend ICE Activities  
• Maintain **minimum 2.75 GPA** | Professional Program application: [https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/professional-program/apply.dot](https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/professional-program/apply.dot) |
| Junior       | • Apply for Student Teaching/Internship (online; one year prior)  
• Attend ICE Activities  
• Maintain **minimum 2.75 GPA (3.0 required for student teaching/internship)**  
• Submit Writing Proficiency Portfolio = turn in to Writing Room | Application for Internship: [https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/internships/application.dot](https://www.usca.edu/education/current-students/internships/application.dot)  
Writing proficiency portfolio: [https://www.usca.edu/english/academics/wpp/](https://www.usca.edu/english/academics/wpp/) |
| Senior       | • Complete Application for graduation (online through SSC)  
• Attend ICE Activities  
• Obtain **minimum 3.0 GPA to intern** |  
| Prior to Certification | • Pass appropriate Praxis II subject area test(s)  
• Pass PLT exam | Praxis II tests: [http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/subject?WT.ac=31040_praxis_about_praxisii](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/subject?WT.ac=31040_praxis_about_praxisii)  
PLT exam: [http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/subject/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/subject/) |