

SIMPSON COLLEGE



Master of Arts in Teaching/Transition-to-Teaching Application Requirements

1. Admission to Simpson College as a part-time student (fill out the Part-time Application for Admission)
 2. An admission meeting with a representative from the Evening, Weekend & Graduate Programs office EWG or the Simpson College Education Department. Please call 515-961-1614, or toll-free 800-362-2454 x1614 to set up an appointment.
 3. A previous BA/BS is required with a major in an endorsement program that qualifies for Iowa teaching licensure. The application committee may require additional coursework in the content area to meet state licensure requirements or if the BA/BS is more than 10 years old.
 4. An applicant must have graduated with cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a minimum of 3.00 in the major area of endorsement, if pursuing the MAT program. If seeking admission into the Transition-to-Teaching (secondary teaching licensure only) program, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required with a GPA of at least 2.75 in the major endorsement. An applicant with a cumulative GPA lower than those required may be accepted to enroll provisionally in the appropriate program. This student will need to take additional coursework in their major endorsement.
 5. An applicant must submit a passing score for the content portion of the PRAXIS II exam appropriate to the major area of endorsement (see page 2 for more information).
 6. An applicant must submit three letters of recommendation from separate sources. Suggested recommendation sources are employers/supervisors, college instructors, or clergy. Family and friends are not appropriate sources. These letters may address:
 - Knowledge and work skills in content area
 - Suitability for the teaching profession
 - Character assessment
- Please include a contact phone number or email address for the referral source.
7. An applicant must pass the Writing Skills Assessment. A writing sample will be completed on-site at one of the EWG offices and will address a topic pertaining to an applicant's interest in the field of education and the major area of endorsement.
 8. Additional background information may be required.

Please contact the Evening, Weekend & Graduate Programs office, Simpson College, 515-961-1614, or toll-free 800-362-2454, x1614 with any questions.

Applicants for admission to Simpson College are hereby notified that this institution does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, creed, religion, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in its programs and activities. Any persons having inquiries concerning Simpson College's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX or Section 504 are directed to contact the Director of Human Resources, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125-1299.

PRAXIS II

The Praxis II test is required by Simpson College to provide evidence of content knowledge in a student's major area of endorsement. The Praxis II must be taken as part of the admissions process to the Simpson College Master of Arts in Teaching program or the Transition-to-Teaching program. (The test may be taken concurrently with Educ 501 in the spring semester, but may delay progress to the next level of the teacher education program.)

Information about registering for the Praxis II

- You may register online for the Praxis II at www.ets.org/praxis
- It is important to list Simpson College as the score recipient on the registration form. Our school code is **6650**.
- Be sure to register using the correct test number. See the list below.
- Registration must be at least 30 days in advance of the test.
- The nearest testing site is the DMACC Ankeny campus.
- The test is typically offered six times a year.
- The cost of the test ranges from \$105-\$115, depending on the type of the test.

<u>Test name</u>	<u>Test number</u>	<u>Cut-off score</u>
Business		
Business education	0100	550
Languages/Language Arts		
English language, literature and composition	0041	160
French content	0173	160
German content	0181	165
Spanish content	0191	162
Speech communication & theatre	0220	520
Mathematics		
Mathematics content	0061	135
Natural Sciences		
Biology content	0235	150
Chemistry content	0445	150
Physics content	0265	141
Social Sciences/Studies		
Economics *	0910	510
Government/political science *	0930	630
Psychology *	0390	590
Sociology *	0950	590
World & American history	0940	550
Social studies content knowledge	0081	150

*Students seeking major endorsements in these areas have two options. You may pass the test specific to the content area, or you may pass the social studies content knowledge test (0081). Students seeking major endorsements in American history or world history must pass the World & American history test (0940).

FYI: The wide spread between cut-off scores in different content areas is due to varying units of measurement for each test.