1. **What is required to take upper level HDF courses?**
   - Secondary Admission to the HDF department (2.5 GPA; at least a C in 211, 212, & 302; 60 s.h. or 12 s.h. for 2+ transfer students; online students should also complete 315 and 341 as part of the 12 s.h.); the secondary admission applications & instructions can be found on the HDF website: [www.uncg.edu/hdf](http://www.uncg.edu/hdf)

2. **What is required to be admitted to Teacher Education (Office of Student Services and Advising in the School of Education)? (BK Licensure students only)**
   - 2.7 GPA (will be 3.0 for freshman starting in Fall 15 and transfer students in Fall 17), passing score on Praxis I exam (or high enough SAT/ACT scores; see below) & completed criminal background check

3. **When should I be admitted to Teacher Education? (BK Licensure students only)**
   - Note the application deadlines on the table below for Teacher Education and Student Teaching.
   - You must fill out an application to be admitted to Teacher Education. The forms are available online ([http://oss.uncg.edu/formsapplications/](http://oss.uncg.edu/formsapplications/)). **The form will be completed and submitted online.** After admission to the Teacher Education all students must attend an orientation session. Teachers Academy personnel will contact you regarding your assigned orientation session.

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("priority deadline is Nov 1, final deadline is Dec 15th")

4. **When and where should I sign up for student teaching/final internship for either BK or ECE?**
   - You must fill out an application for student teaching/final internship. For **BK Licensure students** you can complete your form online: [http://oss.uncg.edu/formsapplications/](http://oss.uncg.edu/formsapplications/). For **ECE students** the form is at: [www.uncg.edu/hdf](http://www.uncg.edu/hdf). Application forms are due depending on when you plan to student teach (See table above).
   - Completed applications for **ECE students** should be submitted to Maggie Jones in the HDF department office in 248 Stone or via email: hdfs@uncg.edu. **BK Licensure** must be submitted online.

5. **Where can one find out more information about the BK-Licensure and ECE programs?**
   - The BK handbook is full of information about the programs and the procedures for completing the degrees. It also has specific information on student teaching. The handbook is available online at the HDF website ([www.uncg.edu/hdf](http://www.uncg.edu/hdf)) - click on ‘Undergraduate’ and then ‘BK Program’.
   - It is your **responsibility** to read this document. It has essential information about requirements for the program.

6. **What are the prerequisites for the methods courses?**
   - The prereqs for HDF/SES 425 are HDF 211, 302, 315 and SES 242; a 2.5 GPA and formal admittance into the HDF department. We recommend students take HDF/SES 341 before 425.
   - The prereqs for HDF/SES 435 and HDF/SES 436 are HDF/SES 315, HDF 211, and 302, SES 242; a 2.5 GPA and formal admittance into the HDF department.

7. **What is required in the practicum courses?**
   - HDF 250 - students spend 2 hours per week in an inclusive classroom; 1 month in each of three age levels: infant/toddler, preschool, & kindergarten or different program types
   - HDF 420 and 440 - students spend 6 hours per week in an inclusive classroom. Please see the practicum placement policy for specific guidelines. HDF 470 - students spend 3 hours a week in their previous student teaching placement

8. **What are the requirements for practicum experiences and student teaching?**
   - Liability insurance is required. More information will be provided in each course. Liability insurance can be purchased through UNCG, the National Education Association, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, or other companies. Proof of insurance must be provided before you can begin your placements in the practicum courses or complete assignments with families (HDF 250, 420, 440, & 470; HDF/SES 468; SES 460; KIN 342) and student teaching.
• All students in BK and ECE will need to have a criminal background check completed by BIB before they can participate in any practicum courses or courses with a family project. The cost for this is about $25 and this will cover all experiences once you sign up the first time. There may be an additional check needed for student teaching. Form: http://oss.uncg.edu/formsapplications/
• Most placements will also require an updated TB test.

9. **What are the prerequisites for student teaching?**
  - For BK Licensure students (HDF 460): KIN 342; a C or better in HDF 420, HDF 440, TED 516, HDF/SES 315, 341, 425, 435, and 436; 2.7 GPA
  - For Early Care and Education students (HDF 450): C or better in HDF 420, 440, HDF/SES 315, 341, 425, 435, TED 516; 2.5 GPA.
  - You must have certification in First Aid and CPR before student teaching.

10. **May I sign up for the online courses if I am not in the online program?**
    - Most online courses in HDFS are designed for those enrolled in the online program. On-campus students are not permitted to take any courses listed with a ‘D’ or Distance section. These courses are noted with #141 footnote codes in Genie.

11. **Do I need to do anything special if I plan to student teach in kindergarten?**
    - We recommend that one of your placements for 420 or 440 is in a kindergarten classroom.

12. **What are the fall-only and spring-only courses?**
    - Main campus students: Spring only courses: HDF 482, TED 516, NUR 345; Fall only: KIN 342; Summer: SWK 584 & TED 516; Online students check with advisor for online course rotation.

13. **What is TaskStream?**
    - TaskStream is an online system designed to assist students in developing their professional portfolios and for tracking student progress during the BK program. You will learn more about TaskStream in HDF/SES 315 when you need to purchase it. Additional assignments will be uploaded in HDF 440, HDF 450/460, 468, and 470. There is a fee for TaskStream, $42 for one year or $69 for two years. It is required that all BK and ECE students enroll in the TaskStream system. You may sign-up on-line at www.taskstream.com

14. **Do I have to take the PRAXIS I Core Academic Skills for Educators exam?**
    - The Praxis I is now required for all BK licensure students. Students may receive an exemption if their SAT scores for math/verbal was 1100+ or their ACT combined score was 24+. Partial credit may be received for SAT math (550+), SAT verbal (550+), ACT English (24+), or ACT math (24+). Study guides are available for check out at Teaching Resources Center (http://trc.uncg.edu/our-services/) and practice tests at the library Learning Express (on the UNCG library website search under ‘databases’ and ‘L’ for Learning Express) or go to: (http://www.learningexpresshub.com.libproxy.uncg.edu/learningexpresslibrary).

15. **Where can I take the Praxis I Core Academic Skills test?**
    - The Praxis I Core may be taken at many different testing sites - go to http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/ to select a site that is convenient for you.
    - Students on campus at UNCG may want to take the exam at Prometric. You will need to call Prometric to sign up for the test (336-854-4230). Prometric is located in the Koger Center at 3 Centerview Drive (off High Point Road) in Greensboro.

16. **Do I have to take a PRAXIS II exam?**
    - All BK Licensure students are now required to take the Early Childhood Content Knowledge PRAXIS II exam (#5025) (www.ets.org/praxis/register or 1800-772-9476).
    - It is recommended that students take this at the end of student teaching or during HDF 470. You will need to post your PRAXIS II results on Taskstream. Practice tests are also available for this exam on Learning Express (see above).

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