

Admission requirements for Alternate Certification programs:

1. Baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited university;
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 (4.0 scale);
3. Passing scores on Praxis Core: Reading, Writing, Mathematics tests (An earned Master's degree, ACT composite score of at least 22, or SAT combined verbal and math score of at least 1030 will substitute for Praxis Core scores.)
4. Passing score/s on the Praxis content examination/s in teaching area/grade level.
Candidates for Early Childhood Grades PK-3: pass the *Elementary Education: Content Knowledge* exam #5001
Candidates for Elementary Grades 1-5 (regular education and Mild/Moderate Special Education): pass the *Elementary Education: Content Knowledge* exam #5001
Candidates for Middle Grades 4-8 (regular education and Mild/Moderate Special Education): pass a *Middle School content exam* (choose from Math #5169; English/Language Arts #5047; Science #5440; or Social Studies #5089)
Candidates for Secondary Grades 6-12 (regular education and Mild/Moderate Special Education): pass secondary subject-specific examination/s for the general education content area in which they seek certification. See Praxis content tests required in Louisiana at: <https://www.teachlouisiana.net/teachers.aspx?PageID=5605>
5. Admission to NSU Graduate School: <http://graduateschool.nsula.edu/>

Retention in Alternate Certification programs:

1. Candidates must maintain Graduate School enrollment eligibility
2. Candidates must earn grades no lower than "C" in certification courses
3. Candidates must maintain a cumulative grade point average no lower than 2.50.

(Candidates who are not eligible for retention in one alternate certification program may not transfer to another alternate certification program at Northwestern.)

Completing Alternate Certification programs:

1. Candidates enrolled in the Professional Studies and Non-Master's Alternate Certification (Music) programs must present a passing score on the Praxis Pedagogy test (PLT) for their certification area in order to be eligible for enrollment in the two-semester Internship in Teaching.
2. Candidates enrolled in the Practitioner Teacher Program must present a passing score on the Praxis Pedagogy test (PLT) for their certification area in order to be eligible for Louisiana certification.