Alternative Master's Program Admission Options for Individuals Who Do Not Meet the GPA Requirement

According to Rule 290-3-3-.31 of the Educator Preparation Chapter of the Alabama Administrative Code, the overall grade point average (GPA) required for admission to an Alternative Master's program at an Alabama college or university is 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Individuals who do not meet the required overall GPA of 2.5, but who have an overall GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 on a 4.0 scale, may use one of these options to satisfy the GPA eligibility requirement for admission to an Alternative Master's program at an Alabama college or university.

The options are as follows:

Any Secondary, Collaborative Special Education 6-12, P-12 Teaching Field

- Take four additional undergraduate courses in the teaching field post degree conferral and make no grade below a B;
- Earn the alternate score on the Alabama-prescribed Praxis subject-area test Increased Praxis Score Option 2026;
- Earn a master's degree with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA at the time of degree conferral; or
- Earn no less than a B in the first four courses of the Alternative Master's program while conditionally admitted. At least one of the courses must be in the teaching field. EPPs must strictly adhere to the first four course rule. If a candidate makes a grade below B in one of the first four courses, the candidate may not take any additional courses in the program or be unconditionally admitted to the program until one of the other options above has been satisfied.

Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Collaborative Education K-6

- Take four undergraduate courses post degree conferral:
  - A numeracy or math course
  - A science of reading course. Remedial reading courses will not be accepted.
  - A methods course appropriate to the grade band of the program that the student wishes to enroll in.
  - A survey of special education course.
- Earn the alternate score on the Alabama-prescribed Praxis subject-area test Increased Praxis Score Option 2026;
- Earn a master's degree with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA at the time of degree conferral; or
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