

APPLICATION GUIDE

THREE STEP CANDIDACY PROCESS



1. APPLY ONLINE

www.projectinspiretn.org
Review this guide
for application details



2. INITIAL INTERVIEW

Our team will review your
application and schedule an
in-person or online interview



3. SELECTION WEEKEND

If invited, attend selection
weekend in Chattanooga.
You must pass the Praxis
test prior to your Selection
Weekend.

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IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Early action: October 21
Final deadline: February 10

SELECTION WEEKENDS

November 10-11
January 26-27
March 15-16

NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

May 28-29



DETERMINE YOUR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

We are thrilled that you want to become a teacher in Hamilton County. To meet the basic requirements of the Project Inspire teacher residency program, you must:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university by June 2020
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Be prepared to make a four-year commitment as a full-time teacher for Hamilton County schools
- Meet content-knowledge criteria for one of our different license options.

6-12 Math & Science

A major in mathematics, ENG, biology, chemistry, biochemistry or related discipline.

6-12 History & English

A major in English, History, Political Science, or related discipline.

Elementary Grades

A major in any area of study will be considered.

*We will also consider individuals who have a minor and/or demonstrate competency by passing content knowledge praxis.



GATHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

- Unofficial transcripts from all universities attended
- Three professional references. We highly recommend that these references have in-depth knowledge of you as a person
- Resume, detailing your education, professional experience, volunteer experience. It's especially important to include all experiences working with children

*To submit an application, you do not need to have every document gathered for application. Simply submit the online application with resume and transcripts to get started.

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TAKE PRAXIS AND SUBMIT SCORES

Project Inspire is a teacher preparation program and works with an IHE to license program completers. You will need to take and pass appropriate praxis tests for entrance to the program prior to your Selection Weekend. Scores may be e-mailed to cfider@projectinspiretn.org

6-12 Math & Science

Mathematics 5161
Chemistry 5245 or
Biology 5235

6-12 History & English

History 5941 or
English 5038

Elementary Grades

Elementary Education 5001

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PREPARE TO APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you are invited to selection weekend, our staff will work with you to begin the graduate school application process. You will want to gather the following items for submission:

- Official copies of all undergraduate transcripts
- Recent GRE scores (within last five years) or MAT (Millers Analogy Test) scores

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ONBOARDING AND ORIENTATION

If you receive an offer to join our program, our team will start working with you on the onboarding process. More details will come at that time, but here's a brief preview for what to expect:

- Complete the Lee University graduate application
- Complete 2019-2020 FAFSA for summer 2020
- Complete a background check
- Pass the Praxis test
- Take the Millers Analogy Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)
- Make living accommodations in Chattanooga (We will help you with this!)
- Plan to be in Chattanooga for orientation May 28-29

QUICK REVIEW

One more time, here's an overview of the process with additional details.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

You can expect personal, friendly interaction with our staff as we help you get to know Project Inspire and our work in Chattanooga. If you are confused about the application process or have questions about the program, just ask. We're here to help.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT THE INITIAL INTERVIEW?

The initial interview will be with a few members of our team and is about thirty minutes long. We will schedule it over Skype if you live out of town. If you're a local, you can come into our offices for the interview. Before the interview, you will be asked to read an article on race and equity in public education. During the interview, you will be asked to react to the article. It's important for us to get to know you in person and hear more about your story and desire to make an impact through teaching! Bring your A-game to this interview and dress to impress.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT SELECTION WEEKEND...

We can't wait to have you visit our hometown of Chattanooga, TN. Selection Weekend is a chance for us to show you our beautiful city and help you get a picture for the community that you will be part of through residency. If you need accommodations, we can work with you on that.

You will participate in a series of interviews, a group problem-solving activity, and present a mini-lesson to a group of students. Selection weekend is the final piece of the application process and we will offer residency positions within two weeks.

