

Checklist for Project Inspire Teacher Residency Application
and Candidacy Process

Online application to Project Inspire	http://projectinspiretn.org/apply-now/
Resume	Please detail your work, education and volunteer experience, especially any volunteer experience with students
Three Reference Forms	Forms are available through online application (no reference letters please) and must be submitted before initial interview
Unofficial Transcripts	Upload to online application
Bachelor's Degree Completed	Your bachelor's degree requirements must be completed by June 1, 2016. Project Inspire requires that candidates hold a bachelor's degree in a STEM related field, have comparable undergraduate math or science classes, or have extensive STEM professional work experience.
Praxis II Content Area Test	Upon consideration of the program, we recommend candidates begin studying for the Praxis II Content Area Exam. Praxis II tests must be passed before fall semester of residency is completed, but passing before entrance into the program is recommended and will strengthen your application. Please see the next page for more information.

Candidacy Process:

- ✓ Apply online and submit required materials. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis monthly. Review dates for 2015-2016 are: October 2, November 1, November 30, December 15 (winter selection) and February 1, March 1 (spring selection)
- ✓ Participate in an initial interview in person or by phone (invitation online). Initial interviews are scheduled after application review.

- ✓ Participate in a selection weekend in Chattanooga either January 10-11 or March 15-16.

If offered a residency position, residents must complete a graduate application to Tennessee Tech University College of Education by April 15, 2016. In addition to graduate application, residents must submit the following by June 1, 2016:

- ✓ Official college transcripts
- ✓ Passing GRE or MAT score
- ✓ Praxis II Content Area Test

Visit Project Inspire [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for information sessions, recruiting schedule, and events!

Do you have questions about the candidacy process? If so, please reach out to Erin Harrell, Project Inspire Assistant Director, at eharrell@projectinspiretn.org or 423-668-2425

Praxis II Content Area: How do I know which Praxis II Test I should take?

Project Inspire currently licenses secondary math and science teachers. The licenses that we are offering for the 2016-2017 residency year are 7-12 mathematics and 7-12 chemistry. Once graduated from the residency, resident graduates may choose to pursue additional 7-12 certification in either physics or biology.

If you would like to be considered for secondary mathematics, study for and take Mathematics Content Knowledge: 5161. If you would like to be considered for secondary science, study for and take Chemistry Content Knowledge: 5245.

What if I want to be considered for residency and I did not major in an area that falls under STEM?

You can best demonstrate your content knowledge to us by passing one of the Praxis II Content Knowledge Exams in either mathematics or chemistry. Please visit the [ETS website](#) for more information on the content of those tests. Project Inspire staff will also examine your undergraduate transcripts and recommend any additional college coursework that you can take to strengthen your application and increase your content knowledge.
