

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE  
GRADUATE EDUCATION**

**LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS  
CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO FINAL CLINICAL PRACTICE (ECE 576)**

Each candidate must have the following materials on file in the LBD Office **BEFORE registration for ECE 576** will be accepted:

1. **Application for Final Clinical Practice;**
  2. **Copy of the candidate's self assessment and Professional Growth Plan from ECE 575B; and**
  3. **Copy of the candidate's written lesson plan, rubric, and lesson analysis (Task C) from ECE 575B;**
  4. **If applicable, a copy of a valid Kentucky base or restricted base certificate, IF not on file with the candidate's application for admission into the Graduate Program.**
    - o ***Kentucky base certificates:*** IECE; elementary; middle; secondary; P-12 exceptional children (not Probationary or Temporary Provisional); Grades 5-12 agriculture, business/marketing, family/consumer science, industrial education, engineering or technology; and P-12 art, foreign language, health, physical education, music, school media librarian
    - o ***Kentucky restricted base certificates:*** Grades 8-12 psychology, sociology, journalism, or speech/media communications; P-12 theater, dance, computer information systems, or ESL
1. **Checkpoint 2** is a prerequisite for admission into final clinical practice (ECE 576):
    - a. Successful completion of one required PRAXIS specialty exam (#0353);
    - b. Successful completion of 15-20 hours of coursework in LBD, including ECE 500-504, ECE 575A and ECE 575B;
    - c. Successful completion of assessments in LBD (major assessments associated with ECE courses);
    - d. Minimum 3.0 GPA; and
    - e. No faculty concerns of candidate dispositions.
  2. **Final Clinical Practice field requirements** can be met in one of three ways:
    - a. Candidates who are employed during ECE 576 as an LBD teacher in a Kentucky public school under a ***P-12 LBD Temporary Provisional certificate*** will complete final clinical practice through an alternate route to certification based on a mentored teaching experience in their own classroom assignment, in partnership with their local school; OR
    - b. Candidates who already hold a valid Kentucky base or restricted base teacher certificate, including a statement of eligibility, will complete final clinical practice as a ***certificate extension*** based on mentored teaching experiences (100 hours) described in a field agreement; OR
    - c. ALL candidates for an initial Kentucky base teaching certificate (see above certificates) who are not employed through a Temporary Provisional certificate (not 2a or 2b above) will complete final clinical practice through ***student teaching***, which is required of all initial Kentucky teachers (12 weeks, full-day).
  3. Each ***candidate for student teaching*** must complete the following ***prior to student teaching***:
    - a. Submit a copy of a ***current medical examination***, including a recent TB test – to the LBD Office.
      - i. Use the Georgetown Medical Form
      - ii. If the candidate already has this on file with a district due to employment (substitute teaching, etc.), a statement to this effect from the district personnel office will suffice); AND
    - b. Make arrangements with the applicable district for the ***criminal background check*** required of all certified personnel (e.g., fingerprinting);
      - i. If the candidate already has the requirement for certified personnel on file with the district (substitute teaching), a statement to this effect from the district personnel office will suffice; AND
    - c. Submit documentation to the LBD Office showing membership in the Kentucky/National Education Association Student Program, which provides ***liability insurance coverage*** during the student teaching experience.