

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 a phone interview, after a successful phone interview an online interview will be next.



3. SELECTION WEEKEND

All candidates who advance past the Initial Interview will be invited to attend selection weekend in Chattanooga.



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IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 5, 2021
January 14, 2022
March 4, 2022

SELECTION WEEKENDS

November 14 and 15, 2021
January 23 and 24, 2022
March 13 and 14, 2022

NEW RESIDENT ORIENTATION

May 26 and 27, 2022



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 an accredited university by June 2021
- Be a US citizen, permanent resident, or otherwise be eligible to work in the US
- 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.
- We will also consider individuals with any major or minor who can demonstrate competency by passing content knowledge praxis.

6-12 Math & Science

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

6-12 English

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

Elementary Grades

A major in any area of study will be considered.

K-12 Special Education

A major in any area of study will be considered



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 OR NES 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 or NES (option for math candidates) tests for entrance to the program prior to enrollment.

PRAXIS and/or NES scores must be sent to:

- Tennessee Department of Education (R8190)
- Lee University (RA1401)
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (RA1831)
- Project Inspire Teacher Residency (6920)

Math

6-12 Mathematics: 5161
6-8 Mathematics: 5169

Science

6-12 Biology: 5235
6-12 Chemistry: 5245
6-8 Science: 5440

History & English

6-12 History: 5941
6-12 English: 5038
6-8 English: 5047

K-12 Special Education

Special Education 5545
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. We partner with Lee University and University of Tennessee - Chattanooga. 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 or University of Tennessee - Chattanooga graduate application
- Complete 2020-2021 FAFSA for summer 2021
- 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 in May

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 Google Meet 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 implicit bias 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.

