







The teacher candidate is also required to complete a criminal background check with field placements, a TB test with negative reading, and CPR and first aid certification.

### **Acceptance into Residency II**

A grade of “C” or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, ELED, ECE, PE, or SPED prefixes).

An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.

A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.

The teacher candidate must take the Praxis PLT exam.

## **8. Explanation of the Change:**

In August 2024, the SDBOR approved the Gateway to Teacher Education Certificate. This 12-credit certificate provides a jumpstart for South Dakota high school students with a career interest in PK-12 teacher education and provides knowledge about teacher education degree programs within South Dakota Regental Institutions. In addition to six credits towards their general education requirements, students will complete EDFN 102 Introduction to Teaching (3 cr.) and SPED 100 Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities (3 cr.). The certificate is intended to be stackable with elementary, secondary, and special education programs. The Elementary Education program has been revised to incorporate EDFN 102. EDFN 102 has replaced 150-150L Early Experience and Lab (1, 1 cr.) and HDFS 241 Family Relations (3 cr.).

The Early Childhood Education program has submitted curriculum modifications, including a course title and description change to ECE 475 Pedagogy and Guidance. The newly titled course, Guidance in ECE, is no longer a complement to the Elementary Education plan of study. The ECE 475 course (3 cr.