Prep Resources: How to Improve Prep in this Area

Standard 1: Selection Criteria

KEY STANDARD — Graduate Elementary, Secondary & Special Education Programs

Follow these steps to improve your preparation program and your score:

- **1st** Set 3.0 as the minimum GPA for admission.
- **2nd** Establish an audition process.

OR

- **2nd** Require applicants to submit GRE scores.

What are Selection Criteria?

Selection criteria refer to the admissions requirements that programs set to ensure that their incoming teacher candidates meet a high academic bar. This bar ensures that students will be taught by teachers who were themselves academically successful.

- **25** Graduate programs only need to raise their GPA requirement by 0.2 or less to partly meet this standard.
- **169** Graduate programs now require a GRE or other graduate-level admissions test.

Setting a 3.0 minimum will keep out some good candidates. What can I do?

This standard also gives credit for reaching an average GPA of 3.3 across all your incoming teacher candidates. This means that if most of your candidates meet a high academic bar, you can admit candidates who may not meet this GPA but are exceptional in other ways.

37% of graduate programs already require a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Leaderboard

A few programs that meet this standard:

Follow the links below to learn more

Exemplary Programs & Findings: [nctq.org/dmsView/Teacher_Prep_Review_2014_Std1](http://nctq.org/dmsView/Teacher_Prep_Review_2014_Std1)

Methodology & Rationale: [nctq.org/dmsView/Standard_Book_1](http://nctq.org/dmsView/Standard_Book_1)

Resources: [nctq.org/teacherPrep/review2014/resources/index.jsp](http://nctq.org/teacherPrep/review2014/resources/index.jsp)