

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND/TOWSON 2+2 PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are the requirements needed to qualify for the Towson University Southern MD 2+2 Program?

A:

1. AAT in Elementary Education
2. Minimum 2.75 GPA
3. And **ONE** of the criteria listed below:
 - A composite Praxis score of 527 or above
 - SAT taken after 2005 with a composite score of 1100 in math and critical reading
 - SAT taken between 4/95 and 2005, math and verbal composite score of 1100
 - ACT composite score of 24
 - GRE math and verbal composite score of 1000

Q: When should I take the PRAXIS I exam if I need it?

A: Plan to take the PRAXIS I in your last summer or fall semester at CSM. You may take the exam up to 6 times a year. Go to www.praxis.org for more information.

Q: How often will I have to go to Towson during the 2+2 program?

A: There will be a mandatory meeting the summer before you begin your fall semester. This meeting will be on campus. At that time you will have a hearing and vision screening and get your TU ID card. Afterward there will be another meeting as you prepare for graduation.

Q: Where will be my classes be held?

A: Classes may be at the Waldorf Higher Education Center, the CSM Prince Frederick campus or one of the TU Professional Development Schools in Charles, Calvert or St. Mary's County.

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Q: Where will I do my student teaching?

A: Student teaching is done in specific Towson University Professional Development Schools in Charles, Calvert or St. Mary's County.

Q: When will I start my student teaching?

A: You will spend time in schools starting with your first semester with TU; these placements are often referred to as internships. You will have internships in language arts, science and mathematics before student teaching. Actual student teaching will be everyday of your last semester in the program.

Q: How soon do I start at TU after graduating from CSM?

A: Classes begin for the TU cohort the summer after CSM's spring graduation. The program is a 2 year program that consists of fall, spring, summer and minimester courses.

Q: Who is the program coordinator? When should I meet with him/her?

A: Laurie Haynie is the Program Coordinator for the CSM/TSU program. You may call or e-mail with questions at any time. However, prior to graduating from CSM, look for information regarding an orientation meeting for students entering the CSM/TU 2+2 program. **Students must apply to Towson and register for classes in the fall before spring graduation from CSM.**

Q: How do I contact Laurie Haynie?

A: Mrs. Haynie can be reached at 301-632-2932 or lhaynie@towson.edu . She also has an office at the Waldorf Center.

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Q: Do I have to maintain a certain GPA throughout the program?

A: Yes. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required.

Q: What happens if I fail a class?

A: If you fail a course, you must wait to retake the course until the following year. It is important to do your very best to avoid this occurrence.

Q: Will I receive a Bachelor's Degree from Towson University when I finish the program?

A: YES! You will receive a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from TU and will participate in the graduation exercises on the TU campus!

FOR FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, CALL LAURIE HAYNIE 301-632-2932 or EMAIL lhaynie@towson.edu