Guidelines for Eligibility for Admission to SOCIAL STUDIES Subject Matter Education (SME) Program, Clinical Practice, and Completion of Program

All native and transfer students interested in pursuing P-12 Social Studies certification in the SME Program and/or seeking enrollment in Clinical Practice (student teaching) must meet the following requirements:

Benchmark I: For entry into the SME Program (to enroll in Clinical Practice)
1) Overall GPA of 3.0 or above and a GPA of 3.0 for all professional courses (non-negotiable, non-appealable)
2) Grades of C- or better (no Ds, Fs, or Incompletes) in any general education, dual major, or core/specialization courses required for BA in education.
3) Successful completion of the following education/foundation courses: Teaching in Learning Communities I & II, Schools & Society, Characteristics of Knowledge Acquisition, and Human Exceptionality.
4) “Meets Expectations” on dispositional reports from College of Education instructors and cooperating teachers.
5) All candidates must have passed the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test with a score of at least 156 in Reading (Test Code 5712); 150 in Math (Test Code 5732); and 162 in Writing (Test Code 5722). Note: Candidates are exempt from the basic skills requirement if they can demonstrate a score on the SAT, ACT, or GRE at, or above, the cut score for the year in which they took the exam.
6) Completion of at least 30 semester hours of Required History courses and/or Social/Behavioral Science courses. It is preferred that all 36 semester hours in the major are completed.
7) Passing score (157 or above) on the Praxis II exam (Social Studies: Content Knowledge #10081).
8) Submission of a clear NJDOE background check as a substitute teacher using Rowan University codes: County 15, District 7270, and School 001.

Benchmark II: For successful program completion
1) Overall GPA of 3.0 or above and a GPA of 3.0 for all professional courses
2) Grades of C- or better (no Ds, Fs, or Incompletes) in any general education, dual major, or core/specialization courses required for BA in education.
3) Acceptable dispositional report(s) from university instructors and cooperating teachers.
4) Completion and submission of graduation application and teaching certification application.
5) Completion and successful submission of a NJDOE-approved teacher performance assessment project (e.g., edTPA). Cut score or passing score to be determined. Note: Incomplete or unscorable tasks on the assessment project will/may delay graduation and certification.
6) “Basic” on all COE indicators on final Clinical Practice evaluations; “Meets Expectations” on Social Studies program-specific evaluation.
7) Successful completion and recommendation for certification from Rowan University Clinical Practice supervisor.
8) Note: Please be aware that any disciplinary or academic sanctions will/may result in extended time for program completion and will prolong graduation.
I have read and understand that the above guidelines are required to continue in and to complete the SME Specialization (Social Studies, English, or Spanish) Program.

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Signature                                      Date