



## **Residency Application Process**

1. All applicants to UWA's Alternative Class A degree must have a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II test prior to applying for the Alternative Class A degree program at UWA. Before your Internship semester, you will also be required to pass the Praxis Core. Some programs also require additional Praxis II tests prior to internship. To find out more about these required tests, please visit this site:

[Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program](#)

2. Use this web address to begin your application process for acceptance into the online UWA Alternative Class A degree program of your choice:

[UWA Application](#) **PROMO CODE TO WAIVE UWA APPLICATION FEE: REACH21**

You will be taking all your classes online. Classes will begin on May 17, 2021. You will follow the Project REACH course roadmap for your chosen degree program. All Project REACH Alt. A program coursework must be completed within 14-months.

Learn all about the Elementary and Secondary programs offered by UWA, along with all program requirements for by visiting this site:

[UWA Alternative A Programs](#)

**\*Project REACH applicants are required to have a 3.0 GPA, not the 2.75 listed on this site.**

3. Complete and submit your Project REACH application to [projectreach@uwa.edu](mailto:projectreach@uwa.edu) by the deadline of **March 15, 2021**.

4. If you are interested in applying for the Residency Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama educational stipend, please indicate this on your application. This course stipend is paid in semester increments to assist with educational course costs. It maintains all of the same requirements and repayments outlined for Project REACH. A signed contract will be required for admission into this program.

5. Resident interviews will be scheduled beginning the week of March 29, 2021.

6. Residents will be notified of their Project REACH acceptance status by April 16, 2021.



**Project REACH Teacher Residency Application**

**Return applications to the College of Education:**

[projectreach@uwa.edu](mailto:projectreach@uwa.edu)

**Please submit the following to be considered:**

1. Completed application form (please type).
2. One page double-spaced written statement detailing your educational background, what prompted you to apply for this project, and your interest in a career in education.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. An unofficial transcript.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Enrollment in a UWA Alt. A degree program that leads to Initial teacher certification/licensure.
- Passing score on the appropriate Praxis II test prior to applying for the Alternative Class A degree program at UWA.
- 3.0 or higher grade point average (GPA).
- Never defaulted on a loan or scholarship award.
- Completed application form submitted by the deadline.

**SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

|                              |                    |
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| Full Name:                   | Student ID #:      |
| Current address:             | Permanent address: |
| Cell Phone:                  | Home Phone:        |
| Email address:               |                    |
| Anticipated Graduation Date: |                    |

If I am accepted as a Project REACH Resident, I understand that I will receive a living wage stipend each month (gross total award of \$45,000.00) for 12 months for my participation in and fulfillment of the Project REACH Residency Program requirements. I understand this stipend is awarded to me based upon my commitment to earn an Alt. A degree and become a certified teacher in the state of Alabama within the timeline established by the project. I understand that I must complete all Alt. A degree program coursework within a 14-month period. I understand by



accepting this wage, I am agreeing to teach as a certified teacher in my residency school or residency district. Residents must accept placement at one of the fourteen schools included in the project. Only schools listed as project partners are available for residency. I understand my attendance is mandatory for all Project REACH training and events. I understand I will be required to sign a Project REACH Contract Agreement and failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program. If I am accepted as a Project REACH Resident and change my mind to complete all of the Project REACH requirements, I understand I will be required to repay any scholarship monies received within a thirty-six (36) month period.

**SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

BA/BS degree major: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. A degree program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 – Personal Statement**

Please attach your personal statement to you application when submitting.

**Section 4 – School Selection**

**Please rank the schools available for your specific Alt. A program degree residency in ascending numerical order, with 1 being your first choice. Continue numbering 2-14 to indicate other schools of choice that accommodate your chosen Alt. A degree program.**

| School Name   | District Name             | Program Area   | Applicant Ranking |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Calloway Smith Middle School  | Mobile County             | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| CL Scarborough Model Middle School                                  | Mobile County             | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| Dr. Robert W Gilliard Elementary                                    | Mobile County             | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| Dunbar Creative Performing Arts (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) | Mobile County             | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| Erwin Craighead Elementary School                                   | Mobile County             | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| Florence Howard Elementary School                                   | Mobile County             | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| George Hall Elementary School                                       | Mobile County             | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| Lillie B Williamson High School                                     | Mobile County             | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| Pillans Middle School   | Mobile County             | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| SpencerWestlawn Elementary School                                   | Mobile County             | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| Collins Riverside Middle School                                     | Tuscaloosa County         | Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education 6-12, Special Education K-12   |                   |
| Crestmont Elementary School   | Tuscaloosa County         | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| Matthews Elementary School  | Tuscaloosa County         | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6  |                   |
| University Charter School   | University Charter School | Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood/Elementary, Elementary (K-6), Physical Education (K-12), Secondary (Biology, English Language Arts, General Science, History, Mathematics, Social Science), Special Education K-12, Special Education K-6, Special Education 6-12 |                   |



**Residency Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama**

Please select an option below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like my Project REACH application to also serve as my application for the Residency Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama educational stipend.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want to apply for the Residency Black Belt Teacher Corps Teach for Alabama educational stipend.

- I have read the above requirements, and I agree to implement these requirements, if selected.
- I verify that the information included on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- If accepted as a Project REACH Resident, I agree to participate in all facets of the project and teach in my residency school or district as a certified teacher for time specified in my contractual agreement. Failure to meet this requirement results in repayment of living wage monies within thirty- six (36) months.
- I give my permission for UWA to process this application.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_