

Valparaiso University Department of Education
Checkpoint System and Requirements - M.Ed. (Initial Licensure) - LEAPs

Checkpoint	Transition Point	Requirements:	Timing	Evaluation by
Checkpoint #1	Admission to Teacher Education	Praxis I..... Pass Praxis II (Secondary)..... Pass UG Cum GPA..... Minimum 3.0 in all previous coursework Interview..... Acceptable communication skills/program fit CF essay..... Acceptable standard Application..... Complete Undergrad Degree..... Completed and verified References..... Three positive recommendations Criminal records check..... Clear	After completing introductory courses (ED 617 & 618)	ED Department Admissions Committee
Checkpoint #2	Mid-program Review (Summer 2)	Checkpoint 1..... Passed Cumulative GPA 3.0 minimum Teaching/dispositions eval.... Satisfactory ratings from principal, field supervisor CF essay..... Meets standard on rubric ED advisor recommendation... Positive Portfolio 2..... Complete with artifacts, video Required journals Satisfactory Parent communication/prof development logs..... Satisfactory Criminal records check..... Clear	Prior to Year 2 Clinical Work	ED Faculty (two raters for each submission)
Checkpoint #3	Exit from Clinical Work (Spring Year 2)	Checkpoint 2..... Passed Cumulative GPA..... 3.0 minimum Teaching/dispositions eval.... Satisfactory ratings from principal, field supervisor CF essay..... Meets standard on rubric ED advisor recommendation... Positive Teaching Event Complete and satisfactory, incl.artifacts, video Research project Satisfactory Required journals Satisfactory Parent communication/prof development logs..... Satisfactory Criminal records check..... Clear Praxis II (Elementary)..... Pass	Spring Year 2	ED Faculty and University Faculty (two raters for each submission)
	Entry to the Profession	Graduate self-assessment..... Satisfaction with performance Graduate assessment of program..... Satisfaction with preparation Principal assessment of graduate and program..... Satisfaction with preparation & performance	After first year of full-time teaching	ED Faculty