PennWest* Application for Student Teaching (AST)

Semester □ Fall □ Spring Year _____

Name:		Student ID#:	
Major/Content Area:		Select Level: □ Undergraduate – Degree + Cert □ Graduate – Degree + Cert □ Post Baccalaureate or Cert Only	
Address While Student Teaching (Street, City, State, Zip)		Home and Cell Phone (Area code + number)	Home: Cell:
PennWest* Email Address	Home Campus		
Elementary School Attended (Name, City, State)		High School Graduated From (Name, City, State)	
Relatives teaching/working/attending schools in your placement area?	□ Yes □ No	If Yes, please indicate schools.	

Instructions – Gather the necessary documents listed below. Enter the appropriate information where required on this form, print and sign. Take to your advisor for review, initials, and signature. Be sure copies of all necessary documents are attached in the order listed below. Once form is completed, with all necessary initials and signatures, submit to your campus Clinical Experiences Office for final review.

Requirement for Approval:		**Student Initials**	**Advisor/Reviewer Initials**
Program Admission/Teacher Candidacy/Admission to Teacher Ed in Good Standing - *Attach Advisement Sheet/DegreeWorks)*	□ Yes □ No		
Attach current PennWest Transcript	Current GPA:		
Grade of "C" or better in ALL required courses (As indicated on your advisement sheet).	□ Yes □ No		

RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING

I understand that the requirements listed above **must be satisfied** before a recommendation can be given for student teaching. A recommendation is needed prior to any placements being finalized. If my overall GPA drops below 3.00 or I do not obtain a "C" or better in major courses, I will be ineligible to student teach during the intended semester.

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

Courses that need to be repeated – Must have a grade of "C" or higher in order to student teach.	Courses that need to be scheduled prior to student teaching.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

APPROVALS:

		□ Recommend □ Not Recommended
Advisor/Reviewer Signature	Date	
Advisor: Please send Application for Student Teaching and required documentation to Stapplications@pennwest.edu		□ Recommended with Conditions
		□ Recommend □ Not Recommended
Field Services Coordinator (home campus)	Date	
		□ Recommended with Conditions
		□ Approved □ Not Approved
Executive Director of Clinical Experiences	Date	
		□ Approved with Conditions

Comments:

□ Clearance Issues:

□ Other Issues (e.g. Please include any course substitutions that are in process or need to be submitted):

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POLICY STATEMENT

Student Teaching Content Exams (ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT)

And

Grade Point Average (GPA)

To earn PA teacher certification, passing scores on the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) are required. It is recommended that these exam(s) be taken prior to the student teaching placement.

The specifics of this policy are:

- **It is recommended that teacher candidates take the required ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) prior to the start of the student teaching placement.**
- **Candidates will not be eligible for PA teacher certification until they pass the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s).**
- **All initial teacher certification degrees (Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Master of Education in Special Education) through Pennsylvania Western University require**
  - **successful completion of the required coursework for the program,**
  - **a 3.0 GPA at the time of graduation, and**
  - **successful completion of student teaching**
- **It is the teacher candidate's responsibility to pass the required ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exams and apply through T.I.M.S to receive PA Certification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.**

I have read and understand that I must have a 3.0 GPA to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, or Master of Education in Special Education degree through Pennsylvania Western University AND I must pass the appropriate ETS Praxis II or Pearson PECT exam(s) in order to receive a Pennsylvania Instructional I teacher certification.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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