



Aquinas College Overview

2014 Report Card on the Effectiveness of Teacher Training Programs

Aquinas College is a private, Catholic, four-year institution of higher education and is a member of the Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Institution Highlights:

- Aquinas College had 9 program completers in the 2012-2013 cohort and a 100 percent pass rate on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching examination.
- Due to low numbers of completers teaching in Tennessee public schools, no value-added analysis is available for Aquinas College completers.

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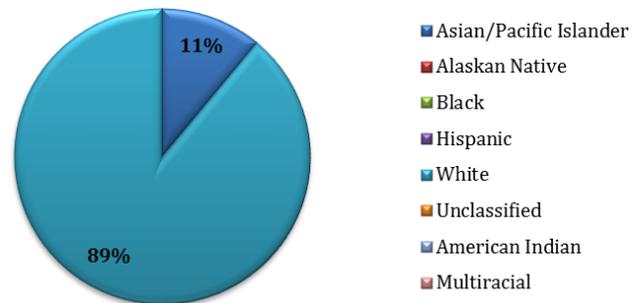
Teacher Education Program Information

Location:	Nashville, TN
Institution Type:	TICUA
Accreditation:	SACSCOC
Top Endorsement Areas:	Elementary Education K-6 (5 Completers)

2012-2013 Program Completers

Total Completers	9
Male	
Female	100%
In-State	
Out-of-State	100%
Apprentice License	9
Transitional License	
Completers Statewide	>1%

Race & Ethnicity



Academic Information

	Average All Completers		Range All Completers	Average Apprentice		Average Transitional		State Average All Completers	
	Average	N		Average	N	Average	N	Average	N
Final GPA	3.7	9		3.7	9			3.56	4258
Major GPA	3.71	5		3.71	5			3.58	1932
High School GPA	3.87	5		3.87	5			3.40	2240
ACT Composite	27.6	5		27.6	5			23.1	2406
ACT Reading	30.6	5		30.6	5			24.4	2212
ACT Science	24	5		24	5			22.5	2181
ACT English	29	5		29	5			24.1	2222
ACT Math	26.2	5		26.2	5			21.8	2220
SAT Cumulative								1110	294
SAT Math								549	283
SAT Verbal								557	282
GRE Composite								1034	228
GRE Math								549	239
GRE Verbal								480	240
MAT Score								399	275

Apprentice and Transitional Completers

Teacher preparation program completers generally receive one of two types of initial license: Apprentice or Transitional. The Apprentice license is a full license, valid for five years, and renewable. The Transitional license is not a full teaching license; it is issued at the request of a superintendent/director of schools for a teacher who will be employed while completing licensure requirements. The license is issued for one school year at a time and may only be renewed two times for a maximum of three years. To receive either an Apprentice or Transitional license, an individual must hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university and have demonstrated competency in the subject matter for which the candidate is seeking licensure. Transitional license candidates must hold a Bachelor’s degree, though the degree does not have to be conferred by the teacher training program.

Academic Credential	Completers	Most Frequent Academic Major
Bachelor’s Degree & License	5	Elementary Education and Teaching
Master’s Degree & License		
License Only	4	

Licensure Assessments

Candidates for a Tennessee teaching license are required by training programs to demonstrate basic academic competencies. Candidates generally fulfill this requirement through standardized test scores. The most common standardized tests utilized are the ACT/SAT or the Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) Reading, Writing, and Math assessment. In addition, Tennessee requires all teacher candidates seeking licensure take the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam and specific content area exams. Tennessee determines the qualifying score necessary to pass the Core Academic Skills for Educators and Praxis II assessments. *Note: The pass rate is not provided if there were less than 5 test takers.*

Principles of Learning and Teaching	Number Taken	Number Passed	Pass Rate
Aquinas College Completers	6	6	100%
• Apprentice License Completers	6	6	100%
• Transitional License Completers	0	0	-

Placement and Retention Data

Data reflect the placement and retention rates of graduates for each cohort year listed. These data are based on the program completers in the Personnel Information Reporting System (PIRS). The years refer to the number of years since the completers have graduated and been eligible to teach. Therefore, these data help to inform the rate at which an institution’s graduates enter and remain in the teaching field in Tennessee public schools. The number teaching 3 out of 4 years is included to account for the teachers who may leave the profession for a year but do return (e.g. for maternity leave or FMLA).

Cohort Year	Number of Completers	Teaching in Year 1	Teaching in Year 2	Teaching in Year 3	Teaching 3 out of 4 Years
2009-2010	5	0%	0%	0%	0%
2010-2011	10	0%	0%	0%	
2011-2012	10	20%	20%		
2012-2013	9	11.1%			

Statewide Distribution of Completers

The distribution of completers from the 2012-2013 cohort across the state in the 2013-2014 school year in Tennessee public schools.



County	Teachers
Davidson	1

Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) Analysis

TVAAS analysis compares the effectiveness of a program’s beginning completers (individuals with 1-3 years of experience) in terms of contribution to student achievement growth to other groups of teachers in the state. Analysis is based on one year estimates of t-value of teacher effects in the 2013-2014 school year.

TVAAS Statewide Teacher Comparison: The average effectiveness of beginning teachers who completed a training program at this institution as compared to the average effectiveness of teachers statewide in terms of contribution to student achievement growth.

TVAAS Program Comparison: The average effectiveness of beginning teachers who completed a program at this institution as compared to the mean of the average effectiveness for beginning teachers from all teacher training programs in Tennessee in terms of contribution to student achievement growth.

Due to low numbers of completers teaching in Tennessee public schools, there is no TVAAS analysis available for Aquinas College.