TEACHER EDUCATION
TECHNICAL STANDARDS

RVCC Technical Standards have been established as guidance tools to inform program applicants of skills and standards necessary for successful completion of the Teacher Education program. Any applicant who has concerns or questions regarding the Technical Standards is encouraged to contact the Program Director and/or Disabilities Coordinator to discuss their individual issues.

The following skills are essential as a student and later as a teacher in a public or private school.

Thinking Skills
Demonstrate remembering, understanding, applying, analyzing, evaluating and creating
Attain a minimum passing score on PRAXIS I as determined by the NH Department of Education. (State certification also requires passing PRAXIS II)

Sensory/Observation Skills
Sufficient visual/auditory skills for observation, assessment and supporting a safe classroom environment

Motor Skills
Physical abilities to navigate in the classroom

Communication Skills
Ability to use computers and related technology to perform a variety of tasks
Communicate effectively and sensitively in verbal/written form

Interpersonal Behavioral and Social Skills
Capacity to work with students, families and colleagues from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds

Environmental Tolerance
Ability to work in classrooms that may lend themselves to frequent interruptions, immediate crisis response and role responsibility exchange
Function safely in a classroom

Professional Conduct
Value and practice the 16 Habits of Mind http://www.instituteforhabitsofmind.com/

A Criminal Background Check is the responsibility of students and is required for teacher certification. Applicants seeking admission to the Teacher Education Program who believe they may have difficulty with a state registry and criminal records check are advised to contact the NH Department of Education http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/criminal-records-check.pdf prior to matriculation.

Uphold the ethical codes relevant to his or her discipline (examples include NEA, AFT, CEC)

Contact the RVCC Disability Coordinator, Department of Instructional Services, 542-7744 x 5421 for questions about disability access and accommodations. Additional information on Services for Students with Disabilities can be found at www.rivervalley.edu/disabilites.html.