

Admission To & Continuation In The TEP And Admission To Student Teaching

Admission to the TEP: Undergraduate students must meet the following requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program:

1. Minimum of 24 semester hours in general education.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.5 in all course work at Union University.
3. Interview with the Teacher Education Screening Committee.
4. Field experience in education at the appropriate grade level; field experience acquired through transfer credit must be verified with a course description or syllabus indicating the total hours completed and the placement.
5. Satisfactory scores on the PPST (Reading=174, Math=173, Writing=173), **or** ACT (Composite of 22e), **or** SAT(R) (Combined score of 1020).
6. Approval of the Education Department.
7. Approval of the Teacher Education Committee.

Application to the TEP. EDU 150, Foundations of American Education, should be taken during the second semester of the freshman year or during the first semester after transfer. The application to the TEP is submitted during this course, and a 20-hour field experience in an approved setting is also completed. By completing the admission process early in the college career, a student is able to take courses that require admission to the TEP when they are offered. A student who has transferred the equivalent of EDU 150 should make application to the TEP immediately upon entrance to Union.

Continuation in the TEP. In order to remain in the TEP following admission, the student must maintain a GPA of 2.5 in all course work, in the major, and in the professional education core. A recommendation from the student's major department is required during the junior year for continuation in the TEP. Students must successfully complete assessment stages 1 and 2 of the portfolio process.

168 Admission to student teaching. Students must file an application in order to be admitted to student teaching before the posted deadline during the semester prior to student teaching. Applications are available in the Education Department. Other requirements for student teaching are as follows:

1. Minimum scores on all applicable portions of the Praxis II series.
2. Minimum GPA of 2.5 in all course work.
3. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in the major; some major departments require a higher minimum GPA in the major.
4. Minimum GPA of 2.75 in the professional education core.
5. Portfolio assessment stage 3 must be successfully completed.
6. Completion of the professional education core.
7. Lack no more than one course for completion of the endorsement requirements.
8. Recommendation from the major department.
9. Approval of the Dean of Students.
10. Approval of the Teacher Education Committee.

While no courses may be taken during the semester of student teaching, student teaching seminars are held on Thursday afternoon from 3:30-5:00, and **attendance is mandatory.**

Application for teacher licensure. Applications for Tennessee teacher licensure are completed during a student teaching seminar and are filed by the licensing officer with the Tennessee State Department of Education when all course work (including student teaching) is completed.

Academic Policies

Minimum GPA requirements. Minimum GPA's are listed above. Following admission to the TEP, if the GPA drops below the minimum, the student is removed from the TEP and may not take any courses that require admission to the TEP. In this case it is

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History 7-12: Complete the History major as outlined in the Dept. of History & Political Science section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education. General/Specific Core must include GEO 112; 215 or 216; PSC 211.

Marketing 7-12: Complete the Marketing major as outlined in the McAfee School of Business Administration section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education. This program leads to dual licensure in Marketing 7-12, Economics 7-12, and Business 7-12.

Mathematics 7-12: Complete the Mathematics major (including MAT 208, 315, and 413) as outlined in the Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education.

Middle Grades 5-8: Complete the Liberal Studies Major and Professional Education tailored for licensure 5-8 as outlined in the Dept. of Education section of the *Catalogue*.

Music Education, Instrumental K-12: Complete the Bachelor of Music degree core with emphasis in Music Education, Track for Instrumental/Band Instructor as outlined in the Dept. of Music section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education Core.

Music Education, Vocal/General Music K-12: Complete the Bachelor of Music degree core with emphasis in Music Education, Track for General/Choral Instruction as outlined in the Dept. of Music section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education Core.

Physical Education K-12: Complete the major in Physical Education and Health as outlined in the Dept. of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education. General/Specific Core must include BIO 221 or 222; MAT 114.

Physics 7-12: Complete the Physics major as outlined in the Dept. of Chemistry & Physics section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education.

School Social Worker, PreK-12: Complete the major in Social Work and the prescribed Human Studies minor outlined in the Social Work section of the *Catalogue*. 171

Spanish 7-12: Complete the Spanish major, Teacher Education track, as outlined in the Dept. of Language section of the *Catalogue* plus the Secondary Professional Education.

Special Education Comprehensive K-12: Complete the major in Special Education, the Comprehensive K-12 emphasis, and the Professional Education tailored for licensure in Special Education as outlined in the Dept. of Education section of the *Catalogue*.

Special Education Early Childhood PreK-Grade 1: Complete the major in Special Education, the Early Childhood PreK-Grade 1 emphasis, and the Professional Education tailored for licensure in Special Education as outlined in the Dept. of Education section of the *Catalogue*.

Special Education Modified K-12: Complete the major in Special Education, the Modified K-12 emphasis, and the Professional Education tailored for licensure in Special Education as outlined in the Dept. of Education section of the *Catalogue*. To add

Additional endorsement: Courses required for additional endorsements total roughly

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