



for a transcript evaluation. Post-baccalaureate candidates must have a transcript evaluation completed by the Assistant Dean prior to starting classes; if the licensure program takes more than one year to complete, the post-baccalaureate candidate should have another evaluation completed. At this meeting the candidate will be apprised of course work that remains, TEP status, Praxis II requirements, and any proposed changes in licensure requirements.

Application to the TEP. The application to the TEP is submitted with the Graduate Studies in Education Application. Due to the nature of class schedules on the graduate level, candidates may take courses that are required for licensure when they are available even if they require admission to the TEP on the undergraduate level. However, candidates must be fully admitted to the TEP prior to student teaching.

Admission to the TEP. Post-baccalaureate candidates for initial licensure must secure a copy of the Teacher Education Program Handbook, Vol. I and meet the following requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

1. Satisfactory score on the Praxis II Speciality Area test for the endorsement being sought.
2. Minimum GPA of 3.0 from all undergraduate courses taken or provisional admission to graduate course work
3. Two positive reference forms
4. Interview with the Teacher Education Screening Committee
5. Successful completion of Portfolio Stage 1.
6. Approval of the School of Education
7. Approval of the Teacher Education Committee

Continuation in the TEP. In order to remain in the TEP following admission, the post-baccalaureate candidate must maintain a GPA of 2.75 in all course work taken at Union since completion of the baccalaureate degree and a GPA of 2.75 in the professional education core. The candidate must successfully complete Portfolio Assessment Stage 2.

Admission to student teaching. Candidates must file an application to student teach 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 must be received by Union before the student is admitted to student teaching or before teaching experience can be substituted for student teaching
2. A recommendation from the department of the student's endorsement area or a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all undergraduate and graduate courses in the endorsement area

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available through Union University. Information about each of these options is available through the Assistant Dean.

Appeals. The School of Education is charged with the responsibility to follow the established policies for admission to and completion of the TEP. The Teacher Education Committee, which includes representatives of the faculty from across the university, is the TEP coordinating and policy-making body for the unit and is responsible for assuring that the established policies are followed. If the student feels that established policy or practice is not being followed, the Teacher Education Committee should be contacted. The Teacher Education Committee is also the appeals committee for the TEP. All appeals for variance from established policy and practice should be presented in writing to the Dean of the College of Education and Human Studies. The Dean will consider whether the appeal may, within established policy, be granted. If the appeal has been denied by the Dean, the student may choose to direct the appeal to the Teacher Education Committee. The student should contact the chairman of the TEC and present the appeal in writing. After the TEC has considered the appeal, the student will be notified in writing of the committee's determination.

Assessment of student outcomes. The candidate will submit a portfolio at three stages throughout the program.

The portfolio will present evidence that the candidate has met performance standards in the endorsement area and in professional education as set by the TN Department of Education and based on INTASC standards. To be admitted to student teaching, tan