

TEACHER LICENSURE

POST-BACCALAUREATE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AND ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT

Conceptual Framework

A Teacher-Student Dynamic of Sensitivity, Reflection and Faith

Mission Statement

The mission of the Educator Preparation Program is to prepare highly effective teachers within an environment of sensitivity, reflection, and faith.

Description of the Statement

Effective educators demonstrate knowledge in their respective fields, sensitivity to students' diverse learning needs, reflection in scholarship and inquiry, motivation of their students' becoming life-long learners, and a careful examination of their worldview and integration of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

Candidate Outcomes

1. Knowledge of Learners. Candidates as teacher-practitioners design and implement instruction in consideration of the typical cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical development of children and adolescents and responsive to individual needs.
2. Diverse Learners. Candidates as teacher-relaters respect diverse cultures and the wide range of individual abilities by establishing inclusive learning environments that maintain high expectations for all.
3. Learning Environments. Candidates as teacher-relaters create respectful, collaborative, and engaging learning environments that communicate the Christ-modeled

coverage include, but are not limited to, membership in Student Tennessee Education Association, Christian Educators' Association International, or Professional Educators of Tennessee. Liability insurance is also available through Union University. Information about each of these options is available through the Director of Educator Preparation.

Background check and fingerprinting. In accordance with TN Code Ann. §49-5-5632, all teacher candidates must supply a fingerprint sample and submit a criminal history records check by TBI prior to beginning coursework. Information available at www.uu.edu/programs/epp/resources/applications.cfm.

edTPA. While enrolled in EDU 628 Mentoring Seminar C, the graduate student will submit edTPA. This is a nationally-scored performance assessment that includes video recording a teaching segment and submitting it with commentaries related to planning, instruction, and assessment. Students must pass edTPA to pass this course and to receive licensure.

Appeals. The School of Education is charged with the responsibility to follow the established policies for admission to and completion of the EPP. The Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC), which includes representatives of the faculty from across the university and students, is the EPP 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 EPPC should be contacted. The EPPC is also the appeals committee for the EPP. All appeals for variance from established policy and practice should be presented in writing to the Dean of the School of Education. 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 EPPC. The student should contact the chairman of the EPPC and present the appeal in writing. After the EPPC has considered the appeal, the student will be notified in writing of the committee's determination.

Assessment of student outcomes. The candidate will submit edTPA while enrolled in EDU 628 Mentoring Seminar C. This performance-based assessment is aligned to the inTASC standards and to the EPP's candidate outcomes.

Financial Information

A materials fee is charged for appropriate courses throughout the education curriculum to cover costs directly related to the course. Current materials fees are indicated in the "Financial Information" section of the *Catalogue*.

An edTPA fee is added to the spring semester of EDU 627 Mentoring Seminar B and EDU 628 Mentoring Seminar C. Prior to the student submitting edTPA, he/she will be given a voucher to submit when registering for edTPA to cover the cost of the first submission. The cost of resubmission of edTPA is the responsibility of the student.

All financial information is subject to change without notice.