

# TEACHER EDUCATION

## FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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College: Professional Studies

### **Graduate Teacher Education Programs**

There are a variety of teacher education programs offered at the master's level. These programs are available for students who have a bachelor's degree that prepared them to teach in the state of Florida and for students without such preparation.

### **Graduate Programs of Study**

Elementary Education  
 Exceptional Student Education  
 Middle Level Education  
 Secondary Education  
 Technology Education

### **Admission to Teacher Education/Graduate**

Admission to graduate programs in Teacher Education is provisional. Provisional admission allows the unit to carefully monitor student progress through the teacher education program. Careful monitoring will ensure that academic and/or social skills deficits of preservice teachers can be identified in a timely manner so that appropriate interventions can be implemented. All students must take and pass the Florida Teacher Certification Examination (General Knowledge, Professional, and Subject Area) and be recommended by their major department before they will be placed for student teaching. Full admission to teacher education will be achieved by passing the tests and being certified in good standing in the college.

All students must complete the provisional admission to teacher education process as listed below by the end of the first semester of attendance at UWF. Those students who do not complete the provisional admission process by the end of the first semester may be denied further registration and an enrollment hold will be placed on any future enrollment in education courses. The hold may be removed when the student completes the admission process. Students must also maintain these standards to ensure the continuation of provisional admission and continued registration. Students who fail to meet these standards may be removed from teacher education.

Requirements for teacher education programs may change due to legislative mandates. Therefore, the actual program requirements may differ from those listed in the *Catalog*. Candidates must inquire with the Chair of the Division of Teacher Education to obtain the most current program requirements.

General university requirements for admission to graduate programs are described in the Graduate Admissions

section. Graduate departments are currently developing departmental admission guidelines to govern admission to

their specific disciplines. Refer to the Office of Teacher Education for more details regarding acceptable graduate admissions test, minimum test score requirements, and additional departmental admission requirements. In addition to general university requirements applicants must the following items directly to the department:

- Two letters of recommendation, one from a person in a position to speak regarding the applicant's academic potential and one from a person in a position to speak regarding professional experience (e.g., employer, principal, supervising teacher, etc.).
- A letter of intent stating why they want to be in a master's program, how their degree will enhance their future, and how they see themselves as a professional in five years
- A Student Affidavit during their first semester enrolled in Teacher Education courses at the University

Graduate candidates seeking initial certification will be admitted to Teacher Education when they meet all the requirements listed above.

### **Readmission to Teacher Education**

Readmission into a Teacher Education program requires the student to meet standards for National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Florida Department of Education program approval requirements. NCATE and FDOE reviews are conducted every seven years.

Therefore, readmitted students will be required to:

- A. complete the degree plan in effect at the time of readmission; and
- B. meet the requirements for admission to Teacher Education in effect at the time of readmission.

Course work completed prior to readmission will be reviewed for compliance with current NCATE and FDOE requirements. Students will be required to retake courses not in compliance with these requirements.