

## Admission to the Teacher Education Program

**Admission Criteria** (See Appendix X for a checklist)

### **For All Candidates:**

- Minimum 2.5 Overall GPA
- THEA Scores: Reading=**260**, Mathematics=230, Writing=220 (for details about THEA exemptions see p. 13 of this handbook. NOTE: There is **no exemption** for the **Reading** portion of the exam)
- Passing grade (C or better) in EDU 2100
- Meet TEA requirements through a screening and interview process as part of entrance to the program
  - Submit essay through Taskstream to demonstrate written English proficiency
  - Demonstrated proficiency in oral English by obtaining a grade of “B” or better in a fundamental speech course or through the TEP Interview Process
  - Satisfactory evaluation of essay and interview
  - Education faculty recommendation for admission to the Teacher Education Program
- Completed at least 9 hours of university English or the equivalent with grades of “C” or better
- Submit the Application for Admission to the Teacher Education Program through Taskstream along with related documents. (TEP Disclosure Statement, TEP Handbook Agreement Form, and FERPA Agreement)

### **For EC-6 Candidates:**

- Provide evidence of required hours in each field-English (6), social studies (6), mathematics (6), and science (6)

### **For Secondary/All-Level Candidates:**

- Mathematics and Science: Provide evidence of 15 hours in your content area (area of specialization)
- All other secondary and all-level: Provide evidence of 12 hours in your content area (area of specialization)

**NOTE:** The content course requirements shown above are for TEP admission only. Additional content coursework will be required to complete your degree.

**For EC-6 Bilingual Candidates:** In addition to the requirements shown above students entering this program must demonstrate Spanish language proficiency. For the purpose of program admissions Spanish proficiency is defined as:

- Grades of A or B in SPN 1341 Spanish I, SPN 1342 Spanish II, SPN 2313 Intermediate Spanish I, and SPN 2314 Intermediate Spanish II or the test equivalent **AND**
- Take the WebCape Exam, Spanish Version. (Testing Center is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of West Library) Students are only allowed to take the WebCape exam once **AND**
- Take SPN 2321 and receive a grade of A or B. SPN 2321 can be retaken once. A score of 700 or above on the WebCape exam will exempt the student from taking this class **AND**
- Successfully complete oral and written Spanish components of the screening and interview process.

### **Continued Enrollment in the Teacher Education Program**

Admission to the Teacher Education Program is granted for **five years** provided the teacher candidate maintains a 2.5 grade point average, both overall and in major coursework, or the current State requirement in the program. A teacher candidate requiring longer than five years to complete

certification requirements will be required to reapply for admissions to the teacher education program through the Certification Officer and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication. Teacher candidates must obtain a grade of "C" or better in all education and reading courses to continue enrollment in any undergraduate education program. The Teacher Education Program will not accept for transfer credit any reading or education course in which the student's grade is below a "C."