

TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Admission

The Teacher Education faculty and the University's Teacher Education Advisory Council consider several factors in making the decision about an individual's admission to the Teacher Certification Program. All students who plan to follow a program leading to initial certification must formally apply and be admitted to the Teacher Certification Program. Applications are accepted each semester (typically, the last two weeks of February, May, and September). Specific dates are announced and can be obtained from the DSE Office and program advisors. Students may not enroll in courses designated as "professional development" without a full TCP acceptance and a signed acceptance letter denoting consent to be designated a certification candidate of the UIW Teacher Education Program.

Application Requirements

Students are responsible for providing the associated documentation and/or completing all requirements, including:

- A Completed Application (provided by the DSE Office during the application period)
- Current Official or Unofficial Transcript(s)** from each institution (college or university) of all previous college coursework to establish:
 - A minimum of at least 60 credit hours completed
 - Cumulative Grade Point Average of **2.75 or greater**
 - Undergraduates: A minimum of 12 credit hours successfully completed in the subject specific content area for the certification sought (15 hrs. if math/sci. candidate)
 - Graduates: A teaching field must be established with 24 credit hours of coursework (12 of which must be upper division) in the teaching field subject.
- Group Interview - This requirement assesses a candidate's ability to communicate effectively and professionally in an oral format.
- Two Faculty Recommendation Forms- This requirement aids in assessing a candidate's professional disposition. At minimum, one form should be completed from a faculty member outside of the Teacher Education Program. The recommendation forms are provided in your application packet. All forms must be completed and returned to the Teacher Education Office before final decisions are made. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all forms are received. Additional feedback regarding professional disposition may be considered/solicited from university faculty.
- (For undergraduate students only) EDUC 2305: Foundations of Education has been successfully completed or is in progress.
- THEA or GRE Test Scores- This requirement demonstrates proficiency in the basic skills of reading, mathematics, and writing. Undergraduates must take the THEA. Graduate students may take either test. UIW passing scores are 230 on the reading, mathematics, and writing sections of the THEA; 150 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE with a 3.5 on the analytical writing).
- Current Texas Educators' Code of Ethics Statement of Affirmation
- Confirmation candidate viewed TEA Ethics Video or current signed form verifying viewing prior to submission of application.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYCCyVaf2g1vuF3qIz1NjEWFEMtxaBMvC>