Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade Teacher Education Programs

Students may obtain certification to teach the following subjects at both the elementary, middle school and secondary levels: art, dance, music, physical education, Spanish and French.

Teacher Education programs exist in the following areas:

- Art Education
- Dance Education
- Music Education
- Physical Education
- World Languages

For required courses and special program information, consult the section of this catalog dealing with the specific department and the requirements for those majors.

Master of Arts in Teaching—Secondary

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The Master of Arts in Teaching program is designed to prepare highly qualified post-baccalaureate students for teaching certifications in grades 7 through 12. Consult the Graduate Catalog for more information.

Admission Requirements for Teacher Education

The Teacher Education Executive Board, representing all initial teacher education programs at Towson University, utilizes the following minimum requirements as conditions for admission into teacher education programs, maintaining candidate status and formal entry into the capstone internship. Programs may include additional requirements for admission into the program and/or the capstone internship.

The College of Education admits students either as freshmen or as undergraduate transfer students from accredited, post-secondary institutions. During the freshman and sophomore years, students are generally engaged in pre-professional courses or courses that fulfill Core Curriculum requirements, as well as all identified prerequisites (e.g., specific and sequential courses in Core Curriculum) for admission to COE screened majors and programs.

All College of Education undergraduate programs are screened majors. As an integral part of the teaching/learning experience, students work with advisers in a strategic planning process across all years at TU. Accordingly, to support student success, all COE students are required to confer prior to registration each term with their assigned advisers.

I. PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO ALL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Complete a notarized self-disclosure criminal background form to be filed in the major department, with a written application. For Secondary Education content programs, the criminal background forms will be filed in the Secondary and Middle School Education Department.
2. Submit a written application for formal admission to the program. Students seeking admission to teacher education programs must contact their department chairperson or program coordinator by 45 credit hours for program-specific procedures and requirements for admission to professional education programs.

3. Document a minimum GPA of at least 3.0 during the most recent two years of the candidate's general education. A grade of PS (Pass) is not accepted for courses required in the major/minor per the undergraduate catalog. AP credits can be applied towards requirements in the major/minor, but not towards the GPA.

4. Provide documentation of meeting the MSDE Basic Skills Assessment Requirement (http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/testing_info/praxis1.aspx).

II. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students should apply for formal admission into the Middle School or Secondary Education Program when they have completed at least 45 college units.

Once a completed application is received, students in Secondary Education and Middle School Education are permitted to enroll in Principles of Secondary Education or Principles of Middle School Education, and Using Reading and Writing in the Secondary or Middle School. Prior to program admission, students are permitted to take only Introduction to Special Education, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on America's Urban Schools; Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Society; Education, Ethics and Change; Adolescent Learning, Development and Diversity; and Integrating Instructional Technology from the education program.

Notes for prospective Secondary Education Students:

1. Students interested in obtaining Maryland State Teaching Certification (Grades 7-12) in one of the following subject areas: English, French, History, Social Science, and Spanish should contact the Department of Secondary Education Chair, Dr. Heather Haverback (hhaaverback@towson.edu)

2. Students interested in Mathematics or Science and leading to Maryland State Teacher Certification in Secondary Education (Grades 7-12) can select from one of the following subject areas: Biology, Chemistry, Earth-Space Science, Mathematics of Physics. The students should contact the TU U-Teach Program director, Dr. Linda Cooper (lcooper@towson.edu), or the Master Teacher, Christine Roland (croland@towson.edu).

Major in Secondary Education

- Major in Middle School Teacher Education (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/education/secondary-education/middle-school-education)

- Secondary Teacher Education Requirements (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/education/secondary-education/secondary-education-program)