College of Education

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Teacher Education Programs (TEP) and Student Teaching

The College of Education offers a Teacher Education Program (TEP) that includes preparation for teaching in elementary education (teaching kindergarten through grade 6 or grade 8); and secondary education (teaching one or more subjects in grades 5 through 12). Secondary teacher education is offered in art education, elementary education, English education, mathematics education, music education, science education, social studies education, and world language education. Two secondary education programs, art education and music education, are preparation for teaching kindergarten through grade 12. Preparation for special education teaching is offered primarily as a master's degree program, but undergraduate students in the elementary education major may complete a special education endorsement for teaching elementary school students with mild or moderate disabilities. In cooperation with the School of Library and Information Science, the college offers graduate-level preparation for school teacher librarians.

Preparation is available for teaching additional subjects; see "Added Endorsements" below.

The College of Education awards Bachelor of Arts undergraduate majors in elementary education and seven other majors. Majors in art education, English education, mathematics education, music education, science education, social studies education, and world language education require a corequisite content major from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. See the Department of Teaching and Learning section of the Catalog for details about these majors. The majors require admission to the TEP.

Individuals with a previous bachelor's degree or a more advanced degree also may complete a TEP. See "Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission to TEP" below and the Department of Teaching and Learning section of the Catalog.

The Office of Student Services provides information on TEP; offers assistance with admission, student field experiences, and teacher licensure/certification; and serves as a liaison with other University units and external agencies. For more information, visit the Office of Student Services website.

Admission to Teacher Education Program

Admission to a TEP is required in order to register for most TEP courses, to participate in field experiences/practicums, and to student teach.

Elementary Education

Beginning with the fall 2022 semester, first-year undergraduate applicants to the bachelor of arts major in elementary education are admitted to the major and the College of Education upon acceptance to the University of Iowa. These students complete TEP application requirements as a part of their first two semesters of coursework. Transfer students from outside the University of Iowa who wish to pursue the elementary education major or current University of Iowa students who wish to change their major to elementary education should contact the Office of Student Services for TEP application requirements and procedures.

Secondary and K-12 Teacher Education Programs

Undergraduate applicants to the University of Iowa who wish to become teachers in secondary education apply for a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences major in the subject they would like to teach. They also may indicate secondary education interest on their application.

Requirements for admission to the TEP include admission to the University of Iowa, a minimum of 30 s.h. of college credit, and a preadmission school field experience. Some programs have additional requirements. Complete application requirements and procedures can be found on the Office of Student Services website. TEP applications are submitted through a web application, Tk20 (Watermark).

For secondary and K-12 programs, admission to the TEP is selective, and is based on a faculty review of academic achievement as reflected in grade-point average, aptitude as reflected by recommendations and personal statements, and the ability of the given program area to provide quality instruction and clinical and field experiences. Meeting the minimum criteria does not ensure program admission.

Students are encouraged submit complete applications for timely advising and registration by the priority application deadlines of March 1 for fall semester or October 1 for spring semester. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until December 1 for spring semester or May 1 for fall semester. Some program areas may reach capacity for acceptance before the final deadlines. Applicants are notified of admission decisions by email following faculty review.

Direct Admission to Music Education

The College of Education offers early admission into the K-12 music education TEP. First-year students who, upon graduation from high school, have a high school g.p.a. of 3.00 or higher and have been accepted into a music studio are directly admitted into the K-12 music education TEP. This admission is conditional until the minimum admission requirements are complete. The requirements include
admission to the School of Music, completion of an essay of
500 words or less on why the applicant wishes to be a music
teacher, and completion of 10-hour preadmission school field
experience.

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate
Admission to the TEP
Students with a previous bachelor’s degree or more
advanced degree may be admitted to a TEP as graduate or
undergraduate students, and may have the option to pursue
an additional undergraduate or graduate degree, or to pursue
the TEP as a nondegree student. See the Department of
Teaching and Learning for degree program options. Students
must apply to the TEP through the web application, Tk20
(Watermark), and to the University of Iowa through the Office
of Admissions. Application information is available from
the Office of Student Services. Graduate applicants must be
eligible for admission to the Graduate College, which requires
a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 in all previous college coursework. See
the Graduate Admissions website. Undergraduate applicants
must meet the general requirements for undergraduate
admission to the University of Iowa; see the Undergraduate
Admissions website.

TEP Academic and Professional
Standards
Students in the TEP must meet grade-point average
requirements and maintain appropriate professional
dispositions each semester. Students who do not meet the
requirements are placed on probation; those who fail to meet
the requirements in a successive semester may be removed
from the TEP or denied admission to student teaching. For
more information on standards and policies, consult the Office
of Student Services.

InTASC Standards-Based Assessments
Once admitted to the TEP, progress toward meeting
professional standards is documented on Tk20 (Watermark),
a web-based assessment system. Throughout the program
students submit assignments designated by their respective
program area for standards-based scoring on rubrics in
common across all program areas.

Teacher Leader Certificate Professional
Development Program
Teachers from the University of Iowa are distinguished
by their preparation with world-class faculty researchers
and clinical practitioners and a one-of-a-kind professional
development program that highlights contemporary issues
in 21st-century education, the Teacher Leader Certificate.
The Teacher Leader Certificate is not a teaching license or
a university recognition but it supplements the TEP courses,
practicums, and student teaching requirements with a series
of competencies and experiences offered through intensive
and innovative workshops and 10 hours of volunteer work
in an education setting. All TEP students are required to
complete the requirements of the certificate prior to their
student teaching semester.

Student Teaching
The final phase of the TEP is the professional semester,
devoted to supervised student teaching and directed
observation in a variety of situations. All coursework in
education, for the major, and for the degree must be
completed before the student teaching semester. The student
teaching semester is a full-time, all-day, experience with a full
registration, typically a 15 s.h. enrollment. Transfer credit may
not be used to satisfy the student teaching requirement.

Faculty members, professional staff, and advanced
graduate students who are experienced teachers serve as
supervisors. Periodic seminars provide for discussion and
evaluation of student teacher experiences.

To be admitted to the student teaching semester, students
submit their application to the Office of Student Services.
Student teaching applications are due the calendar year
before the student teaching semester: by November 15 for
student teaching the following fall semester and by April 15
for student teaching the following spring semester.

Admission to student teaching requires faculty approval
based on grade-point average requirements and appropriate
professional dispositions. For more information, contact the
Office of Student Services.

Placement Options
Student teaching placements typically are in schools within a
60-70 mile radius of Iowa City, referred to as local placements.
Placements also may be available in some school districts
in other parts of Iowa, the Midwest region, urban districts in
other parts of the United States, and international settings.
These placements are referred to as special sites. Special site
placements have higher grade-point average requirements
and expectations for appropriate professional dispositions.

International student teaching experiences are available
primarily through Global Gateway for Teachers, an Indiana
University Program working in collaboration with the
University of Iowa. International sites vary, depending on
available placements and international conditions, but have
included Australia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, England and
Wales, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand,
Norway, Russian Federation, Scotland, Spain, and Tanzania. In
most locations, students are assisted with housing by an on-
site coordinator.

International assignments are for eight weeks. Students
complete an eight-week assignment in a local placement
or another special site placement followed by an eight-
week assignment in an international placement. Secondary
education students in some program areas (for instance,
English education) are required to complete a full semester
of student teaching in the United States before student teaching
at an international site.

For more information about international student teaching
options, see Student Teaching and Classroom
Experience on the College of Education website.

Program Completion Assessment
As a requirement for completion of an approved TEP for initial
teaching licensure, the state of Iowa requires a program
completion assessment. University of Iowa student teachers
must pass the edTPA assessment of their program as a
requirement for program completion.

Course Substitutions
Students who have completed courses that they wish to
substitute for program requirements should consult with their
advisors.

Community college human relations courses are not accepted
as substitutes for EPLS:4180 Human Relations for the
Classroom Teacher.
Teacher Licensure/Certification

The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners issues teacher, support service, and administrator licenses on the recommendation of Iowa colleges and universities whose programs have been approved by the Iowa Department of Education. All University of Iowa preparation programs have Iowa Department of Education approval.

Licensure/certification requirements across the nation are subject to change. Students who plan to seek employment in a state other than Iowa should make every effort to be informed about current requirements in that state. Generally, students who apply out-of-state should first secure Iowa licensure.

To be recommended by the University of Iowa, applicants must complete all requirements of the appropriate approved program. A minimum of 20 s.h. of coursework applied to meet program requirements must be earned at the University of Iowa.

In the State of Iowa, applicants must be at least 21 years old to be granted a teaching license. The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners requires a national criminal history background check, an Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation background check, and registries and records checks for all new applicants for Iowa licensure. Disqualifying criminal convictions and founded child abuse are set out in Iowa Code 272.2 and Iowa Administrative Code 282-25.

The College of Education Office of Student Services provides instructions on application for licenses, fingerprinting procedures, and licensure/certification assistance to all students completing approved programs offered by the college. It also provides assistance to in-service teachers and other school professionals who are interested in adding endorsements to their Iowa license based on completion of State of Iowa minimum licensure requirements.

Added Endorsements

Current TEP students and in-service teachers may prepare for teaching additional subjects through added endorsement programs and courses.

Most added endorsements for kindergarten through 8th grade (K-8) are intended for TEP students and in-service teachers in elementary education. See the B.A. in elementary education for these added endorsements. Other endorsements, including most secondary (grades 5-12) endorsements for which the University of Iowa offers a TEP, also can be available to elementary, secondary, or K-12 TEP students and teachers as added endorsements.

Preparation is offered for these added endorsements:

- Grades 5-8 middle school (language arts, mathematics, science, and/or social studies)
- Grades 5-12 reading
- K-12 athletic coach
- K-12 dyslexia specialist
- K-12 English as a second language (ESL)
- PK-12 talented and gifted

For additional information contact an academic advisor or licensure staff in the Office of Student Services.