

Requirements for Institutional Recommendations of Post-Baccalaureate Candidates for Teacher Certification

Students who have already completed a baccalaureate degree must satisfy the following requirements in order to obtain an institutional recommendation for teacher certification:

1. Candidates must matriculate as undergraduate or graduate students. Non-degree undergraduate status is acceptable.
2. Each candidate must complete all of the courses in the academic major and professional studies component of the teacher education program in which he/she enrolls, together with the required work in related academic fields (if any). As part of the matriculation process, the Admissions Office provides candidates with an evaluation indicating the UD equivalents of courses taken at other institutions. The chairperson of the department in which the teacher education program is housed or his/her designee will use this evaluation to determine which course requirements have been satisfied. Candidates must complete all additional courses required by the relevant teacher education program. Requests for course substitutions or for reconsideration of the UD equivalents of courses taken elsewhere must be addressed to the department in which the course is housed.
3. Candidates must complete general education of “breadth” requirements that are reasonably comparable to those included in the appropriate UD teacher education program. Candidates are not, however, required to match the general education requirements of the UD program course for course. The chairperson of the department in which the teacher education program is housed or his/her designee will examine each candidate’s transcript(s) to determine whether this requirement has been met.
4. Candidates must satisfy the academic and performance-based standards of the relevant teacher education program.
5. Candidates must satisfy the residency requirements by completing a minimum of 24 credit hours at UD. Exceptions to this provision must first be approved by the appropriate teacher education program coordinator and then by the University Council on Teacher Education.
6. The Undergraduate Catalog states, “Courses taken more than seven (7) calendar years earlier may be reviewed for applicability, and individual departments may require repetition of outdated courses.” Post-baccalaureate students enrolled in UD teacher education programs are subject to the policies of those programs, which generally do not accept courses taken more than seven (7) years previously. Inquiries about specific program requirements should be addressed to the program coordinator.