Iowa State University
Educator Preparation Program

POLICY: Requirements Students Must Meet Prior to Student Teaching

- Student teaching is the culminating experience to the Iowa State University teacher education program. To ensure that students are prepared for this experience, the following requirements must be met the semester before student teaching:
- Full admission to the Educator Preparation Program. Student must have full admission to the Educator Preparation Program by Decision Point 2, which occurs in the third week of September for spring student teachers and in the third week in February for fall student teachers.
- Request for Student Teaching Placement. Complete the Request for Student Teaching Placement form and the Professional Biography by the deadline in the fall semester for spring student teaching or the spring semester for fall student teaching. The deadline is the end of the third week of the semester.
- Cumulative GPA. Student must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade-point-average.
- Required coursework: Students must successfully complete all coursework required for licensure/area of specialization prior to beginning the student teaching semester.
- Grades: Teacher education and major courses. Student must earn a passing grade, as determined by the licensure area, in all required professional teacher education courses and selected courses in the student’s major/licensure area.
  - Grades: C I, HD FS, and SpEd. Student must have a minimum grade requirement of C for all Curriculum and Instruction (C I), Human Development and Family Studies (HD FS), and Special Education (Sp Ed) courses required for licensure (pedagogy coursework).
  - Grades: Major courses (for licensure). Student must earn a minimum grade of C- for courses in the department of the major specifically required for teacher licensure (content coursework). Departments may have higher eligibility requirements (see the licensure area coordinator for more information).
- Pre-student teaching clinical experience: Student must have 80 hours of pre-student teaching clinical experience completed. (Student may be concurrently completing this experience.)
- Criminal misconduct. Student must report any criminal misconduct charges that occur before or after the by completing the Subsequent charges: self-reporting step on the background check page.
- e-portfolio. Student must have one graded artifact (that received a proficient rating) uploaded to the student’s eportfolio for each of the 12 standards (for students admitted in fall 2010 and after).
- Violent Incident Response Training (VIRT) prior to the beginning of student teaching.