

Admission Requirements for the Teacher Education Program

All students admitted to the University that seek admission to the Teacher Education Program will be classified under the PRE-TEP until they are officially admitted to the TEP major of their interest. When requesting admission and readmission to the Teacher Education Program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a minimum general point average of 2.50 at the university level.
2. Have earned a minimum of 18 university credits, among these are:
 - a. EDUC 1080 (Field Experience in the Educational Scenario I), or its equivalent, with a minimum grade of B.
 - b. EDUC 2021 (History and Philosophy of Education) or EDUC 2022 (Society and Education) or EDUC 2031 (Developmental Psychology), with a minimum grade of B.
 - c. GESP 1101 (Literature and Communication: Narrative and Essay) and 1102 (Literature and Communication: Poetry and Theater), with a minimum grade of B.
 - d. GEEN 1101 and 1102 (English as a Second Language I and II) or GEEN 1201 and 1202 (Development of English through Reading I and II) or GEEN 2311 (Reading and Writing) and 2312 (Literature and Writing) with a minimum grade of B. Students wishing to enter the Teaching of English as a Second Language at the Elementary Level program or the Teaching of English as a Second Language at the Secondary Level program must have passed the courses GEEN 2311 Reading and Writing and GEEN 2312 Literature and Writing.
3. Submit, in the corresponding academic department, the Application for Admission to the Teacher Education Program.
4. Students will have three (3) semesters or four (4) trimesters to complete the admission requirements. If they do not complete these requirements in the required time, they must choose another field of studies.

Additional Notes:

1. Students presenting official evidence of having worked under a teacher or assistant teacher contract during a semester or more will be exempt from taking the course EDUC 1080 – Field Experience in the Educational Scenario I.
2. Students in distance learning courses that require visits to schools must make the corresponding arrangements prior to registering in the courses.
3. The distance learning students of the teacher education program, who are candidates to take the courses of Clinical Experiences in Educational Scenario I and II, will take them in those schools designated by the University as Practice Centers. If there is no practice center available at their place of residence, the student must take them in the designated centers in Puerto Rico.

Retention Requirements for the Teacher Education Program

1. To remain in the Teacher Education Program, students must finish the academic year with a minimum general grade index as indicated below:
 - a. 47 credits or less: 2.50
 - b. 48-71 credits: 2.75
 - c. 72-95 credits: 2.90
 - d. 96 or more credits: 3.00
2. Student must comply with the institutional norm of credits attempted and approved.
3. Students that do not meet the required grade point index to remain in the Program will be placed on probation for a period no greater than two academic semesters or three trimesters.
4. Students that do not reach the required grade point index during the probationary period will be dropped from the Teacher Education Program.
5. Students dropped from the Program may request admission to or change their major to another field of studies.

Admission Requirements for the Course Clinical Experiences in the Educational Scenario II (EDUC 4013) or Practice Teaching (Applies to students admitted or readmitted to the Teacher Education Program starting in August of 2009.)

1. Have passed the Core Course Requirements of the Program, except EDUC 4551 and 4552.
2. Have passed the Major Requirements.
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.00.
4. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 in the Core Course Requirements, in the Major Requirements and in the Specialization Requirements.
5. Submit the Application for Admission and have the approval of the Practice Teaching Coordinator or Supervisor.

Students in online programs that are candidates for practice teaching must adhere to the requirements established in this Catalog and the regulations of the Department of Education of Puerto Rico. Nonresidents of Puerto Rico must inquire on the procedures established in their place of residence and complete the proper proceedings. The location of the clinical experience

courses will be subject to the approval of the Institution as well as of the pertinent school authorities.

Graduation Requirements of the Teacher Education Program

Every student that is a candidate for graduation from any of the majors of the Teacher Education Programs, who have been admitted or readmitted since August of 2009, must:

1. Have obtained a minimum general grade point average of 3.00.
2. Have obtained a minimum grade point average of 3.00 in the core course requirements.
3. Have obtained a minimum grade point average of 3.00 in the major and specialization.
4. Have earned a minimum grade of B in the course of Clinical Experiences II Practice Teaching course).

Minor, Alternate Method and Recertification

Student interested in completing a Minor in Education, or in being certified by the Alternate Method or in being recertified must have a minimum general average of 3.00.

Note: Information taken from Catalogue 2013-2015 revised on January 2015