

Exceptions for Meeting Admission Requirements

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The School of Teacher Education and Leadership and the Department of Special Education require teacher education candidates to have a GPA of at least 3.0. Candidates who do not meet this requirement have two options available to possibly move forward in a teaching career.

Option 1: GPA Waiver

- If candidates do not meet the minimum GPA requirement, the School of Teacher Education and Leadership and the Department of Special Education have determined that candidates may apply for a waiver, if they have met all of the program application requirements and meet one of the following conditions:
 - the candidate is a non-traditional student (25 years or older) OR
 - the sole caregiver in a family, OR
 - from an under-represented population, OR
 - the candidate is applying in a moderate or critical shortage area (e.g., special education, math, science; see attached TH Bell critical shortage list)
- Teacher education candidates with a GPA below 3.0 must demonstrate an effort to raise their GPA (i.e. repeated courses, multiple semesters of increasing GPA, academic renewal process).

Please indicate efforts to raise GPA: _____

Note: Application for a waiver does not guarantee that a waiver will be granted.

Option 2: Lottery consideration (not applicable to SPED applicants)

SCED and ELED candidates who have met all entrance requirements (i.e., required entry courses, passing Praxis scores [ELED only], and background check) such that the only remaining barrier into the teacher education program is the GPA requirement, then the candidate's application will be added to a wait list. If there are waivers still available at the beginning of December in each calendar year, then they will be granted to students who are on the wait list. If the number of students on the wait list exceeds the number of available waivers, then the waivers will be distributed via lottery.

Student Name _____ A Number _____ Student's Major _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Advisor use only:

Overall GPA (requirement 3.00) _____