

An Explanation of Education Undeclared Status

Upon admission to the University, all Education applicants seeking certification in the majors of Pre-K – 4th Grade, Grades 4 – 8, or Secondary Grades 7-12, with possible dual certification in Special Education, are considered Undeclared students until they have completed the attached list of requirements to the Teacher Certification Program (see other side).

Once the requirements are completed, students must apply to Point Park University's School of Education for formal admission. Students should complete the one-page Application to the Teacher Certification program and attach proof of the completed requirements. The application is available on the School of Education webpage, Resources for Students link or in the main office 710 AH or in the hallway boxes on the 7th floor of Academic Hall.

For many students, successful completion of the basic skills tests in reading, writing, and mathematics necessitates the most planning. There are four ways to accomplish this:

Point Park courses ENGL 101, EDUC 252, MATH 150 and MATH 155

SAT scores

ACT scores

Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA- ES Pearson)

CORE Academic Skills for Educators (ETS- Praxis)

More information regarding these tests can be found at:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/CertTestingRequirements/Pages/default.aspx>

Until formally admitted to the School of Education, students can take only 100- and 200-level EDUC or SPED classes.

Most other 300- and 400-level EDUC and SPED classes, have a prerequisite of acceptance to the Teacher Certification Program. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Questions about formal application and admission to the School of Education should be directed to Ja Nel Orwig, assistant to the chair. She can be reached at 412-392- 3975 or via email at jorwig@pointpark.edu.