

**Neag School of Education
Teacher Education Programs
GPA Waiver Application**

Minimum GPA

To be eligible for admission to the Integrated Bachelor's/Master's (IB/M) or Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates (TCPCG), applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70. Meeting the minimum GPA does not guarantee admission, however.

Application

If an IB/M or TCPCG applicant has a cumulative GPA below 2.70, the student may submit a written waiver application letter and supporting materials requesting a waiver of the 2.70 GPA. Applicants should upload the waiver application letter with the student's other application materials. The application will be reviewed by the GPA Waiver Committee. The GPA Waiver Committee will include a representative faculty member in the relevant program, the Director of Advising and Certification, and as relevant, the Associate Director of the TCPCG.

The GPA waiver application letter and supplemental materials (e.g., official transcript) must present compelling evidence of recent strong academic performance.

Rationale for consideration of a GPA waiver for IB/M or TCPCG applicants:

Identification of, rationale for, and relevant documentation/evidence (examples provided in *italics*) of one of the following:

- 1) Candidates who can show a substantial and sustained improvement in their overall GPA during the last one to two years prior to applying for the program.
Documentation/evidence includes: official transcripts from all higher education institutions
- 2) Candidates who have overcome temporary adverse or disabling conditions as demonstrated by sustained improvement over time in their overall GPA.
Documentation/evidence includes: explanatory letter from physician, therapist, or other medical professional including relevant dates
- 3) Candidates who have an unusual/extenuating circumstance, such as family crisis, illness, trauma.
Documentation/evidence includes: explanatory letter from family member, accident/insurance report, family member obituary
- 4) Candidates who have a B or better in the academic content area for the endorsement sought or in an undergraduate major.
Documentation/evidence includes: official transcripts from all higher education institutions

- 5) Candidates who have successfully completed Praxis Subject Assessment or ACTFL (world language) in the content area for the endorsement sought (secondary majors).
Documentation/evidence includes: Praxis Subject Assessment or ACTFL score report with successful results

- 6) Mature candidates who completed their undergraduate program at least ten years prior to application to an initial educator licensure program and who have demonstrated evidence of successful professional experience/accomplishments or successful completion of a graduate degree program.
Documentation/evidence includes: Official transcripts and/or evidence of successful employment

Timeline and Process

The GPA waiver application letter must be submitted by the IB/M or TCPCG application deadline. Failure to do so may result in the student's application not being processed.

The committee will review the student's GPA waiver materials to reach a decision regarding the granting or denial of the waiver. The committee may also request additional information from other University sources. The committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Director of Teacher Education who makes the final decision regarding the waiver. The decision of the Executive Director is final and there is no further appeal available. The Executive Director of Teacher Education notifies the student in writing of the decision within two weeks of the GPA waiver committee meeting. The committee will meet soon after the application deadline for IB/M or TCPCG.