

Teacher Education Policy for Students with a 2.8-2.99 GPA

GPA with Testing Exception

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) allows for students to be provisionally admitted to the Teacher Education Program who have not met the 3.0 GPA requirement if:

- They have a GPA between 2.8-2.99, and it is mathematically possible to achieve a 3.0 in a semester, AND
- They have passed the Basic Skills Test (SAT/ACT/CORE Academic/PAPA/PPST).

10% Exception

Up to 10% of a cohort of students applying to the Teacher Education Program may be admitted with a GPA between 2.8-2.99 without meeting the testing exception with the following provisions:

- Per PDE § 49.12 a student must be at least 18 years of age and be of good moral character.
- The Teacher Education Program office will determine whether it is mathematically possible for the student to earn at least a 3.0 GPA by the end of the semester with the GPA Calculator Tool. If it is mathematically possible, the tool will be shared with the student and advisor along with the letter offering Provisional Admission in the Teacher Education Program with the 2.8 exception.
- The student will sign the 2.8 provisional contract that affirms that the student is aware of the following:
 - They do not qualify for full admission
 - Their admission is provisional while working on achieving the required 3.0 GPA,
 - There are no guarantees that provisional admission will lead to the next level of study, admission to the Professional Semester, and/or teacher certification
 - They are proceeding at their own risk and that their GPA must be at or above 3.0 before earning full admission or admission to the Professional Semester
 - They understand that it is their responsibility to make necessary changes to meet requirements.
- Students using the 2.8 GPA policy cannot pre-register for TEP-restricted courses until current semester grades are received to verify that the student still meets eligibility requirements. This is communicated to the student in both the Provisional Admission letter and the contract.
- The student's advisor will help the student to determine career goals and other options that might be available if they are unable to meet the GPA requirement.
- The student will be referred to the Office of Academic Accessibility for assistance in meeting their academic and career goals.