

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TO THE ESS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Enrollment in the ESS Education Program is limited and admission is competitive. ESS students are admitted once a year. The Admissions Committee meets in November and includes faculty from the Department of Exercise & Sport Science. Admission is based on letters of recommendation, a writing sample essay, a written personal statement, and cumulative grade point average. The Admissions Committee also considers grades in major and minor courses, the difficulty of prior course work, and trends in performance. Additional factors to be weighed may be gender and/or minority status consistent with applicable law, and letters of possible violation of the student code. There are no minimum cutoff levels on any one criterion; committee members review all of these factors in assessing a candidate's potential to succeed in the program as well as in the classroom.

See Application Procedures Checklist below.

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline, November 1. The Department of Exercise & Sport Science is not responsible for any materials missing from files. There is no guarantee that incomplete files will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Approximately six weeks after the application deadline, applicants will be notified by mail of acceptance or denial. Admissions files become the property of the Department of Exercise & Sport Science and will not be returned to the applicant. The licensure program must be completed within four years of program acceptance.

The University of Utah is fully committed to policies of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity, and vigorously pursues affirmative action in all programs, activities, and employment with regard to race, color, national origin, sex age, and status as a person with a disability. Religion, sexual orientation, and status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era also are protected under nondiscrimination and equal opportunity employment policies. The University seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. Reasonable prior notice is needed to arrange accommodations. Evidence of practices not consistent with these policies should be reported to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (801) 581-8365 (voice or TDD). Upon request, this information is available in alternative formats, such as cassette, Braille, or large print.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES CHECKLIST

Application Deadlines. The application deadline is **November 1**. Students should plan to apply for admission during their sophomore/junior year. The following materials are to be turned in together, in a large, sealed envelope (an abbreviated checklist of necessary materials is attached to the Application for Admission to the licensure program). **It is the student's responsibility to make sure that all required materials are submitted in a sealed envelope.**

Requirements and application for admissions:

___ Matriculated at University of Utah

___ Completion of one of the following Ethnic Studies Courses: ETHNC (3) 2550/2560/2570/2580 or 2590, **and** ESS 2500, 2510, 3551, 3710, & 4610.

___ Completion or enrollment in at least 8 requirements in the teaching major/minor. Applicants should verify their status with the appropriate advisor.

___ Complete an *Application for Admission to the Department of Exercise & Sport Science PETE Major*

___ Submit completed Departmental Major/Minor Approval forms. **Applicants must have the advisor for their teaching major and minor sign the Departmental Major Approval Forms provided with the application materials.** See an ESS Teaching Major advisor.

___ Take the Praxis I Exam: Register online at www.ETS.org/PRAXIS and provide a copy of the official scores in your application file.

___ Write a one-page short statement informing the Admissions Committee of the strengths you bring to the teaching profession. The purpose of this statement is, for example, to give candidates an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to think deeply about and to analyze educational issues, to show their commitment to the teaching profession, and/or to share what they can contribute to the educational enterprise.

___ Secure three letters of recommendation using the forms provided with the *Application for Admission*. **Recommendations must be provided in the following three categories:** 1) *Teaching/Working with youth*: supervisor of a field placement in the public school or a similar setting (such as ESS 2510); 2) *Academic*: a course instructor from your major area of specialization; and 3) *Professional Attributes*: an additional course instructor from your major area, a course instructor from Educational Studies, or a previous employer or work supervisor. Family, friends, and religious advisors are usually considered inappropriate references since they cannot attest to the applicant's professional qualifications. **Letters of recommendation must be sealed in an envelope by the author with his/her signature over the seal and must be included in the application packet.**

___ Download a **current** DARS report for PETE Teaching Major.

___ GPA is considered competitively. The average GPA of students admitted in the recent past has ranged from 3.2 - 3.5. Typically, students having below a 2.7 GPA are not admitted to the program, although all supporting evidence is taken into consideration by the Admissions Committee.

Return all materials in one sealed envelope to: Department of Exercise & Sport Science Advisor, Skip Williams, HPR-N 204 by November 1.

SECONDARY ESS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Education Courses. In addition to University General/Liberal Education and teaching major departmental requirements, the Secondary ESS Teacher Education Program includes 12 semester hours of required course work (some courses may be double-counted toward General/Liberal Education or departmental requirements). These courses are:

Requirements for program application:

ESS 2510 (3) Introduction to Teaching Physical Education
Ethnic Studies (3) 2550, 2560, 2570, 2580, or 2590¹ (choose one)

Required for Licensure:

ED PS 2110 (3) Learning and Literacy ²
ECS 4150 (3) Introduction to Multi cultural Education¹
T L 5126 (3) Content Literacy for Diverse Learners

¹These courses will meet the diversity requirements for graduation

²These courses may be used as Humanities Intellectual Exploration courses in General Education

Students MUST meet with a departmental advisor to review additional requirements for the Exercise and Sport Science major and with the appropriate departmental advisor for the teaching minor requirements.

Course Credit and Graduation Requirements

Independent Study/Correspondence courses **will not** be accepted toward the course requirements.

Junior College course work **will not** be applied to upper division courses, 3000 level or above.

All courses required for certification purposes **must be** completed with a grade of "C" or better and must be taken for a letter grade, not under the University Credit/No Credit Option.

Letters indicating possible violation of the student code (and appropriate student responses) will be placed in the admissions file.

Once admitted, a teacher candidate **must maintain** at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA, and a 2.7 cumulative GPA is required to be recommended for licensure. If a teacher candidate fails to maintain the 2.7 cumulative GPA, he/she will be placed on scholastic probation and may not register for student teaching or additional licensure courses.

Due to changes in the research on teaching and learning, classroom practices, and Utah State Office of Education Standards for teacher licensure, courses over 5 years old may not be accepted toward licensure program credit at the time of cohort application.

LICENSURE BY THE STATE OF UTAH

In addition to the professional requirements for licensure, the state requires:

Student Licensing: A certificate is required to student teach under stipulations of the Utah State Board of Education Rule 277-509-3. You must complete this certificate just prior to student teaching. This may be requested online at: www.utah.gov/teachers

Background Check for Initial Licensure. By legislative mandate, applicants for teaching licenses in Utah are required to have a background check including fingerprinting. This completed online at: www.utah.gov/teachers

Criminal Conviction. Teacher licensure by the state of Utah may be denied because of a previous criminal conviction. The Utah Professional Practices Advisory Committee, c/o Executive Secretary, State Office of Education, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, reviews all such cases.