All policies and procedures are applicable to all students within the School of Education Programs. This handbook is subject to change, due to changes in accreditation, program, or university policies or requirements. Students will receive ample notice when changes are needed.

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Welcome to the School of Education

Mission
The mission of the UW Tacoma's School of Education is to prepare ethical and reflective educators and leaders who transform learning, contribute to the community, exemplify professionalism, and promote diversity.

Conceptual Framework
The conceptual framework for preparing ethical and reflective educators who transform learning, engage with communities, exemplify professionalism, and promote diversity establishes the shared vision of the UW Tacoma's School of Education. This vision draws from our core values of knowledge, collaboration, professional excellence, reflection, diversity, and justice. It provides direction for our efforts to prepare culturally responsive and inclusive educators to effectively advocate for and educate youth in P-12 schools. The framework guides the development of the curriculum in our programs leading to initial certification, advanced preparation of teachers, and the licensure of school administrators and superintendents.

The conceptual framework of the School of Education is consistent with the campus mission—UW Tacoma educates diverse learners and transforms communities by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and discovery. We embrace the UWT core values of excellence, community, diversity, and innovation as we review, reflect upon and revise our various program offerings to meet our mission of preparing ethical and reflective educators. Our collaboration among faculty, staff, candidates, and our local education and community partners (e.g. PEAB members, advisory board members, classroom teachers, educational administrators, etc.) informs and validates our framework.
About UW Tacoma

UW Tacoma is an urban-serving university providing access to students in a way that transforms families and communities. We impact and inform economic development through community-engaged students and faculty. We conduct research that is of direct use to our community and region. And, most importantly, we seek to be connected to our community's needs and aspirations.

UW Tacoma is one of three campuses that make up the University of Washington: the 159-year-old Seattle campus, and the Tacoma and Bothell campuses, both founded in 1990. We offer many of the same educational qualities as our sister universities — a vibrant campus setting; top-drawer faculty known for their teaching ability; a rigorous, interdisciplinary curriculum; and high standards of social responsibility. UW Tacoma’s Nondiscrimination Policy

The University of Washington, as an institution established and maintained by the people of the state, is committed to providing equality of opportunity and an environment that fosters respect for all members of the University community. This policy has the goal of promoting an environment that is free of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. To facilitate that goal, the University retains the authority to discipline or take appropriate corrective action for any conduct that is deemed unacceptable or inappropriate, regardless of whether the conduct rises to the level of unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.
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### 2022-2023 Academic Calendar
[https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/registrar/academic-calendar](https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/registrar/academic-calendar)

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### Getting Started
This section contains information on tasks and policies you will need to know as you prepare to begin your first quarter on campus.

**Official Transcripts Submission**
If your undergraduate degree was not earned from the University of Washington, please mail an official copy of your transcript (showing degree completion) directly to the Graduate School:

**Standard Postal Service**
University of Washington
Graduate Enrollment Management Services
Box 353770
Seattle, WA USA 98195-3770

**Express Courier Service**
University of Washington
Graduate Enrollment Management Services
G-1 Communications
4109 Stevens Way
Seattle WA USA 98195-3770
Setting up & checking your UW Email
Follow the steps below to start using UW Google Email. Go to the Manage UW Google Apps page to activate the service and set your UW Google Apps password. You can access your UW Google email and all other UW Google Apps services by going directly to mail.google.com and logging in with your NetID@uw.edu as your username. You may also configure UW Google Apps Email on just about any desktop email program or mobile device using instructions provided by Google.

- Sign up now
- Sign up instructions

Once you activate your email, you can access your UW Google mail through MyUW or by going directly to mail.google.com and entering your NetID@uw.edu email address.

UW Email Policy
- Faculty and staff are not obligated to respond to students using non-UW email accounts.
- Students may be held accountable for any information contained within the official email communications, including instructor notices of changes in schedules and assignments.
- Although students may configure their UW emails to automatically forward to another email account, they should be advised that some email systems may be unable to handle large email files and may block delivery of UW email attachments. This means that if you forward your UW email you may miss important, time sensitive updates.
- You can check your UW email forwarding anytime. If you need assistance un-forwarding your UW email, please call 253-692-HELP for assistance.

New Student Orientation

Cohort-Based Programs
The Teacher Certification, Educational Specialist in School Psychology, and Educational Administration Programs admit candidates into cohorts that complete all required coursework together on a set schedule. Each of these programs hold a mandatory New Student Orientation event prior to the start of the first quarter classes to orient new students to program requirements. Check your admissions packet or email your academic advisor for details.

Flexible Programs
The Master for Practicing Educators (MEd) and Endorsement-only programs are flexible in that they allow candidates to design their own individualized program plans and candidates may, but are not required, to start in summer quarter. Because each candidate’s course of study is developed to meet their particular scheduling needs and interests, candidates in these programs will schedule individual new student advising appointments.
Student ID Cards

UW Tacoma Husky Cards are issued by the Office of the Registrar. Visit the Husky ID Card website for more information about obtaining your UW Tacoma Husky Card, or contact:

**UW Tacoma Office of the Registrar (contact for hours)**
Phone: (253) 692-4913
Email: reguwt@uw.edu
Location: Mattress Factory (MAT) 253

Your student ID, or Husky Card, will serve the following functions:
- Library Services
- U-PASS (bus pass plus more)
- Copy & Printing Services
- University athletics & activities
- Building Access
- ...and more

Program Plan

Each student will be provided with a program plan that outlines the quarterly course of study and timeline for completing all program requirements. Candidates following cohort-based programs (Teacher Certification, Educational Specialist in School Psychology, and Educational Administration) will be provided with a copy of the corresponding pre-determined program plan. Candidates completing flexible programs (Master's for Practicing Educators and Endorsement only) will develop their program plan in consultation with their academic advisor during their new student advising appointment.

Revising your Program Plan

If, during your course of study, unexpected events inhibit your ability to successfully continue your program plan as outlined, please schedule an appointment with your academic advisor as soon as possible to discuss your situation and alternative options. Program plans may be changed as needed (subject to availability of courses) to adjust to changes in candidates circumstances/availability. In the rare event that your program plan may change due to changes to accreditation requirements or curriculum changes, we will notify you with as much lead time as possible, with the goal of allowing you to complete original requirements for which you were admitted into, within a reasonable teach-out time-period.

Leave Requests

While the leave request process is covered later in this handbook in greater detail it is worth noting here that you must submit an online leave request form for any autumn, winter, or spring quarter during which you do not plan to actively enroll in courses (leave requests are not required for summer quarter). There is a $25 fee associated with the application request each quarter in which
the student applies. An approved leave request is required to maintain your graduate student status and your ability to register for future quarters. If you forget to request leave, you will need to request reinstatement for the quarter you plan to return to the program. The cost for reinstatement is $250.

Culminating Project Requirement
Candidates completing programs that require TEDUC 599 in winter and spring quarters as a culminating project, must confirm intent to enroll in TEDUC 599 before the start of autumn quarter to ensure space is available. For example, a candidate planning to take TEDUC 599 in winter quarter would confirm that their program plan is up to date with their academic advisor during the prior summer quarter. Candidates who do not complete this step will only be allowed to register for TEDUC 599 if space is available after planned students are accounted for. If space is not available, the candidate may be required to wait until the next academic year to complete this course sequence.

Reviewing the Time Schedule
The UW Tacoma Time Schedule lists credit classes offered at UW Tacoma Campus. It is updated daily and is subject to change. You may access the real-time status of any section by clicking on the five-digit System Line Number (SLN) displayed to the left of each course. The University reserves the right to (1) add or delete courses from its offerings; (2) change times, days, or locations of courses; (3) change academic calendars; (4) cancel any courses for insufficient registration or academic/administrative decision without notice.

- The Time Schedule may be viewed online here: University of Washington Time Schedule
- The program plan for your study option can be found on the School of Education website under the menu item labeled the “Programs of Study” tab here: https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/soe
- New Students will receive information about registering for their first quarter courses either at New Student Orientation or during their new student advising appointment. Registration for courses is completed online via the registration screen in your MyUW.

Obtaining Entry Codes
Most courses in the School of Education will require an individually assigned entry code in addition to an SLN number (located in the Time Schedule) for registration. Entry codes will be provided by your academic advisor.

Adding & Dropping Courses
Students may decide to add or drop a course during the year. Dropping and adding courses may be completed online using your MyUW. It is best to consult the UW Tacoma Academic Calendar for the most accurate information. The Academic Calendar includes course dates and timelines. The
The calendar is posted a full year in advance so that arrangements can be made to attend all classes. There may be extenuating circumstances which yield unavoidable absences, but all efforts should be made to minimize these. For more up-to-date important quarterly dates, please refer to Step 2: Explore Course Offerings on the Registration/Time Schedule webpage.

Current Quarter Drop – Several UW policies affect when and how you can drop classes. Each quarter, you may add and drop classes with no restrictions until the end of the second week of the quarter, which is the Unrestricted Drop period. After that, you may drop one class between the 3rd and the last date of instruction for the quarter, which is the Late Course Drop period, using MyUW. To drop more than one class during the Late Course Drop period, you may use the Advisor-Assisted Drop Process. Review the tuition forfeiture policy when considering dropping — you may not get all your tuition back. More information may be found on the Current Quarter Drop webpage.

Former Quarter Drop – The University of Washington understands that, as a student, you may face a variety of challenges and obstacles while attending the University. The Former Quarter Drop (FQD) process was designed to help you address the impact these challenges and obstacles may have on your ability to achieve academic success. The following information outlines how you can use the FQD process to request to drop a class or classes completed in a quarter that has already ended. Review the policy and eligibility requirements to determine if this is the right process for you. You may consider speaking to an advisor to support you through this process if you have questions or need guidance. If you are looking to drop a course or courses for a quarter which is still currently in progress, refer to the Current Quarter Drop (CQD) webpage.

Course Material Policy
Candidates have the responsibility to check with the University Book Store and the Campus Copy Center to determine whether there are course materials available for class. Candidates are expected to download additional course materials via Canvas and electronic library course reserves from the UW Tacoma Library. Faculty who want candidates to download materials from Canvas or library reserves prior to the first class will inform you to do so.

Please make it a habit to check Canvas, email, and course reserves regularly during the quarter for updates in course materials. Obtaining and utilizing all the required materials will contribute to your success in your classes. We appreciate your cooperation in working with the program to streamline course communication and document distribution.

Class Participation
Engaging with your classmates is a central component of your program. Missing just one class session means missing at minimum 10% of face-to-face instruction for the quarter. Missing required posts or assigned feedback for online courses has a similar impact. Be sure to notify your instructors of planned or unplanned absences, confusion on assignments, and anticipated struggles to meet deadlines. Presenting possible solutions along with your concerns is helpful.

It is the prerogative of your faculty to decide how class participation will factor into grading. If you miss a class, it will be your responsibility to find out from your peers what was missed. Faculty do
not typically give “extra credit” for missed work. Lack of participation will likely result not only in decreased contributions, but also in reduced learning and a lower grade for the course.

**Accessing Courses in Canvas**
Canvas is an online course management tool that works with an in-person class or as a stand-alone online course platform. It provides an online teaching and learning environment that brings together content management, communication, collaboration, and assessment tools.

Whether you are taking courses online or coming to campus, Canvas will be an integral course resource. Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) that provides a collection of built-in tools for accessing course material, communicating and collaboration with classmates, as well as accessing and turning in assignments.

Assistance learning to use Canvas can be found here: https://itconnect.uw.edu/learn/tools/canvas/canvas-help-for-students/

**Paying Tuition**
Payment of tuition charges is due the third Friday of each quarter by 5:00 p.m. and can be paid online via your MyUW.

**Tuition Payment Plan:**
The UW Tacoma Tuition payment plan option allows UW Tacoma students to pay their quarterly tuition in three installments. A new enrollment form must be submitted for each quarter. There is a $25 service fee for joining the plan. Once accepted into the plan, the fee is added to your student account. The fee is due by the first Friday of the quarter. This means that your first installment must be more than $25, as the fee is taken from your first payment. 

**Payment Plan Due Dates:** due dates are always the first, third and fifth Fridays of the quarter. If the initial payment is not received by the first due date, you will not be allowed to continue with the payment plan program. The remaining two payments are each subject to a $55 late fee, if they are not made on time.

**Short Term Loan Program:**
The Office of Student Financial Aid has funds available for short-term loans to assist students with temporary cash flow problems. Short-term loans are available only to students who are currently attending the university (loans cannot be processed between quarters). Funds are generally available within one to four working days.

Repayment is due by the next quarter, or whenever additional funds such as financial aid arrive on account, whichever comes first. There is no interest on the short-term loans, but there is a **$30 service charge** added to the repayment amount. Students may apply online through MyUW's Personal Services. Graduate students may borrow up to $3,200.
Short-term loans are billed through the Student Accounts system (like the tuition bills). All loans are due “on demand,” which means that any aid coming in after a short-term loan has been disbursed will be used to repay any outstanding current year short-term loan. Aid will not repay loans borrowed in the previous aid year (the aid year is from summer – spring quarters). If you borrow a short-term loan during spring quarter, or get an extension on a winter quarter loan, you will be responsible for making sure that the loan is repaid on time. If aid does not pay the loan in full, repayment is due by the fourth Friday of the next quarter.

For more information, visit: https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/short-term-loans/

Overview of School of Education Graduate Programs

Teacher Certification Program

Program Overview
The Master of Education Program is a cohort-based program that begins in summer quarter with a focus on Teacher Education, which features an introduction to teaching, preparation for non-curricular aspects of the teacher's role, reflection on contemporary issues in education and frequent supervision. Mentor teachers and university faculty work together to provide students with a program that ensures integration of course content with hands-on experience. Elementary Education candidates begin their autumn quarter fieldwork in mid-August, to attend school orientations and professional development days. Secondary candidates spend several hours observing middle and high school classrooms during autumn quarter and begin their field placements in winter quarter.

This program is based on the most current educational research and theory. Our goal is to ensure that our graduates have a positive impact on student learning. The UWT School of Education currently offers the follow tracks for certification:

- **Elementary Education (K-8) with an endorsement in Special Education (K-12)**
- **Elementary Education (K-8) with an endorsement in English Language Learners (K-12)**
  - Optional Endorsements for all Elementary Education Candidates:
    - Middle Level Math (grades 4-9)
    - Middle Level Science (grades 4-9)
    - Middle Level Humanities (grades 4-9)
- **Secondary Mathematics (grades 5-12)**
- **Secondary Science (grades 5-12)**
  - Science Endorsement Options:
    - Biology
    - Chemistry
    - General Science
    - Earth and Space Science
    - Physics
Teacher Certification Program Fees
(All fees are non-refundable and subject to change)

ESD Fingerprinting
Summer Quarter..........................$78-$88

Course Fees
SPED Assessment (Summer 2022)...........$41.00
Arts in the School (Summer 2022).........$80.00

Fieldwork Fee
Autumn Quarter (K-8 only).............$268.00
Winter quarter (All TCP).................$268.00
Spring quarter (All TCP)...............$268.00
*Billed with tuition

Child Abuse Course (online)
State Requirement..........................$110.00

Teacher's Certificate Application (OSPI)
Initial Certification Fee..........................$74.00

Substitute Certification Application (OSPI)
Certification Fee
(Optional)..............................................$54.00

Endorsement Tests (Pearson)
Cost Per Test..............$95-$96

Certification Timeline
● Secondary – June 1, 2022
● Educational Administrator – June 15, 2022
● Elementary Education Dual Tracks – August 24, 2022

Endorsement Fees
● Cost per Endorsement Test (NES/WEST-E)..........................$95.00-$96.00
● Fee Charged by OSPI to add an endorsement to your Certification......................$54.00
  ○ If adding multiple endorsements to an existing certificate at the same time, there is an additional fee of $15.00 per endorsement (e.g. adding 3 endorsements = 54+15+15)

Master of Education for Practicing Educators
Program Overview (for UW Tacoma Campus):
The graduate degree program is designed to build upon the skills, knowledge, and commitment of practicing educators and other professionals working in educational settings. With this high-quality graduate degree from UW Tacoma, you will be prepared to meet the needs of 21st century learners. Our UW Tacoma professors are skilled instructors who are actively engaged in schools and produce quality research. As our students complete this graduate program, they typically earn higher salaries and promotions, realize exciting new career opportunities, and advance the lives of their students in truly meaningful ways.

Our program is designed as a part-time program of study. Generally, the core and study-option courses are completed in the first year; students complete their elective courses and culminating
experience the second year. To meet the needs of students who are employed during the weekday, most courses follow an evening schedule.

Students are required to complete a total of 36 credits for this graduate program. This graduate degree program offers five knowledge and skill areas that you can select to best fit your professional learning and development needs:

- Area 1: Development & Learning Theory (6 credits required)
- Area 2: Diversity, Equity, and Justice (6 credits required)
- Area 3: Research and Measurement (3 credits required)
- Area 4: Curriculum, Instruction, and Implementation (3 credits required)
- Area 5: Social, Emotional, and Behavior Systems and Supports (3 credits required)

**Required Core Courses (12 credits)**
- T EDUC 501: Foundation of Education
- T EDUC 502: Learning About Learning
- T EDUC 504: Understanding Educational Research
- T EDUC 520: Equity and Justice in Educational Practice

**Culminating Experience (6-10 credits)**
- T EDUC 599: Culminating Project (Winter)
- T EDUC 599: Culminating Project (Spring)

**Program Overview (for Muckleshoot Tribal College Cohort)**
This specific cohort will be Indigenous-centered in the curriculum and approaches in the program. This is a place-based program and is appropriate for students holding a bachelor's degree and who are in the educational field or working with Tribal communities. UW Tacoma, in partnership with the Muckleshoot Tribal College, is offering Indigenous leaders and educators, or those working with Native American communities the opportunity to apply to the Master of Education (MEd) for Practicing Educators Program. We welcome educators, leaders, community members, advocates and those committed to systemic and societal transformation to strengthen commitment, approaches, and communities. All courses will be taught by Native American faculty/instructors (or individuals who have worked closely with tribal communities).

Students are required to complete a total of 36 credits for this graduate degree program.
- Required Core Courses (12 credits)
- Content Courses (18 credits)
- Culminating Experience (6 credits; Spring/Summer)

**Endorsements for Practicing Educators**
Certified teachers in Washington State wishing to add an endorsement to their teaching certification may do so one of two ways. Some endorsements require completion of a college preparation program in addition to passing the approved WEST-E/NES content knowledge test. UW Tacoma's School of Education offers the following to endorsements via this pathway:
Test Only
Test Only – This endorsement pathway requires a passing score on the required endorsement test (WEST-E or NES) or an alternative approved through the PESB (Professional Educator Standards Board) for the desired endorsement. OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) maintains a list of endorsements eligible to be added through testing only: http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/Teacher/Endorsement.aspx.

Teaching English Language Learner (TELL)
This endorsement is designed as a fully online, part-time program of study that can be completed in one year. Each course has been carefully designed to prepare practicing educators to meet the diverse needs of English language learners by providing clear instructions and scaffolded assignments within a supportive online learning environment. We employ best practices to help ensure course content is accessible, memorable, and directly applicable in the classroom. Upon successful completion of the English Language Learner (ELL) Endorsement program (including passing score on the ELL WEST-E), teachers will be recommended to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for an endorsement in ELL.

Special Education (SPED)
Our program incorporates research-based practices that produce positive academic and social outcomes for students with high-incidence disabilities. Upon certification, program graduates are ready to provide systematic and explicit instruction in high-needs schools. Upon successful completion of the Special Education Endorsement program (including passing score on the Special Education WEST-E), teachers will be recommended to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for an endorsement in Special Education.

Educational Administration
The UW Tacoma Educational Administration program prepares experienced educators for P-12 building and district-level leadership positions. Collaboratively designed and taught by a cadre of UW Tacoma professors and local practitioners, the program provides aspiring leaders with a rigorous, holistic, and competency-based curriculum backed by a performance guarantee.

The Educational Administration Program is devoted to:
- Identifying and leading from strong core values
- Building instructional capacity
- Leading from an equity frame
- Implementing data-informed improvement
- Being savvy stewards of resources

Unique features of this program include:
- Rigorous, research-based content
- High levels of support
- Strong cohort learning model
• Rigorous, authentic and supported 720-hour internship
• Weekend retreat to begin the program
• Curriculum aligned with the school-year cycle
• Emphasis on equity and instructional leadership
• Bi-weekly reflective seminars
• On-going formative program evaluations
• Certificate only, or in conjunction with an M.Ed.

Endorsements

An endorsement is a designated subject area and/or developmental level to which a teacher is qualified for assignment. An endorsed certificate indicates the subject(s) and/or grade/developmental level(s) for which a teacher has been prepared to teach. Endorsed certificates also limit the subject areas and/or grade levels to which a teacher may be assigned.

Endorsement Grade Levels

- Elementary: Kindergarten to grade 8
- Middle Level: Grades 4-9
- Secondary: Grades 5-12
- All levels: Preschool to grade 12

When to take Endorsement Tests

**Elementary Certification Candidates** must attempt both subtests of the Elementary Education NES prior to the start of autumn quarter. Optional middle level endorsement tests must be completed by August 1st (to be included with initial teacher certification recommendation).

**Secondary Candidates** must complete the optional and additional NES tests no later than May 1st of the year of admission.

**Endorsement-Only candidates** are encouraged to coordinate the timing of their endorsement test with their academic advisor to align with their program plan.

Endorsement Test Resources

The WEST website, [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com) contains the WEST-E and NES test registration information and frameworks that include the content domains, objectives with descriptive statements, and sample test items.

- Preparation Materials Registration
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### Endorsements Offered by the School of Education

*Highlighted endorsements are offered for practicing educators as well as teacher candidates*

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Financial Aid and Scholarships

We believe students from all economic backgrounds should have the opportunity to attend UW Tacoma. Finances should not be a barrier to getting a world-class education. Each year, UWTacoma awards financial aid to more than 70% of our students. There is a wide array of federal, state and institutional financial aid programs to help students at all economic levels pay for their education.

To be considered for any type of financial aid, including scholarships, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA can be completed as early as October for the following year. For priority consideration be sure to submit the FAFSA by January 15th. The FAFSA can be submitted after this date, but funding priority is for those who submit by January 15th.

For more information about your eligibility for financial aid, please contact:

Office of Student Financial Aid
Office Location: MAT 213
Email: uwtfa@uw.edu
Phone: 253-692-4374

School of Education Scholarships
The School of Education offers scholarships on an annual basis to certification and non-certification candidates. A list of our scholarship and funding opportunities may be found by CLICKING HERE.

Grading System

UW Grading Scale for Graduate Students
In reporting grades for graduate students, graduate degree-offering units shall use the system described herein. Grades shall be entered as numbers, the possible values being 4.0, 3.9,… and decreasing by one-tenth until 1.7 is reached. Grades below 1.7 will be recorded as 0.0 by the Registrar and no credit is earned. A minimum of 2.7 is required in each course that is counted toward a graduate degree. A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 is required for graduation.

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Incomplete “I” Grade
An Incomplete may be given only when the student has been in attendance and has done satisfactory work to within two weeks of the end of the quarter and has furnished proof satisfactory to the instructor that the work cannot be completed because of illness or other circumstances beyond the student’s control.

The faculty and candidate must agree on all outstanding coursework to be completed and an appropriate timeline for completion. If the candidate does not turn in all remaining coursework by the agreed upon deadline, the faculty will compute and submit a final grade based on all work completed at that point. To obtain credit for the course, a student must successfully complete the work and the instructor must submit a grade. In no case may an Incomplete be converted into a passing grade after a lapse of two years or more, and in most cases the work should be completed within 1 academic quarter.

S/NS Satisfactory/Not-Satisfactory
MEd candidates must obtain program approval prior to electing an S/NS grading option for a required course. If a student does not elect S/NS, then they will be graded on a numerical basis. If approval is granted the student must elect the S/NS option either when registering or no later than the end of the seventh week of the quarter. The instructor shall submit a numeric grade to the Registrar, who shall convert grades of 2.7 and above to S and grades lower than 2.7 to NS.

Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
Fieldwork and Reflective Seminar courses are offered CR/NC. For these courses, the instructor will submit a grade of CR or NC to be recorded by the Registrar’s Office for each student in the course at the end of the quarter. Courses with non-numerical grades are not factored in candidate’s grade point average.

Withdrawal “W”
It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from all courses if unable to attend. Students may withdraw on MyUW through the unrestricted drop period. Beginning with the third week of the quarter, official withdrawals must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar. An official withdrawal is effective the date the last course is dropped electronically, the date it is received in the Office of the Registrar, or if submitted by mail, the date of the postmark.

Hardship Withdrawal “HW”
Students may petition the UW Tacoma Registrar in writing for a hardship withdrawal if they are unable to complete a course due to physical or mental debilitation or unusual or extenuating circumstances beyond their control that may have arisen and prevented them from dropping the course by the seventh week. Petitions must be filed promptly after the occurrence of the event that
gave rise to the need for dropping, preferably prior to the end of the quarter. Only in rare circumstances will petitions be accepted after the close of the quarter in which the withdrawal is being petitioned. Students who have completed the requirements for the course are generally not eligible for a hardship withdrawal.

**Course Repeat Policy**
Any course may be repeated a second time without penalty. When computing GPA, the new grade will be averaged with the old grade. Third course repeats are granted only in rare circumstances and require a formal petition for approval prior to registration. Contact your advisor for more information.

**Change of Grade**
Except in case of error, no instructor may change a final grade that has been turned in to the Registrar. Grades used to meet graduation requirements cannot be changed after the degree has been granted.

**Grade Appeals**
The School of Education follows UW Tacoma's and UW's general policy for grade appeals. Here is a link to UW Tacoma's Grade Appeal Policy: [https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/registrar/grading-policy](https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/uwt/registrar/grading-policy).

The School of Education's Grade Appeal Policy may be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**Transfer Credit Policy**
The Graduate School policy regarding transfer credits may be found here: [https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/masters-degree-policies/transfer-credit/](https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/masters-degree-policies/transfer-credit/)

A student working toward the master's degree may petition the School of Education for permission to transfer the equivalent of a maximum of 6 quarter credits of graduate level coursework taken while a registered graduate student in another regionally accredited graduate school. These credits may not have been used to satisfy requirements for another degree. The petition must include an official transcript indicating completion of the course work. Transfer credits are not entered on the UW transcript.

Approved transfer credits are applied toward total credit count for the master's degree only. (Transfer credits are not applicable toward a doctoral degree.) The 18 quarter credits of numerically graded course work and 18 quarter credits of 500-level-and-above course work may not be reduced by transfer credit.

Credit taken as an undergraduate non-matriculated student or post-baccalaureate student at the UW may not be transferred into a graduate program. Credit by either independent study through correspondence or advanced credit examinations is not transferable.
Independent Study

What is an Independent Study?
In an independent study, you essentially create your own course on a topic of your choice, working in concert with a fulltime faculty member. In some cases, faculty members are willing to have you assist with their research projects or will guide your study on a topic of mutual interest. An independent study may be 1 to 9 credits. Keeping in mind that 10 credits is considered fulltime study, and each credit should roughly represent a minimum of 4 hours of work per week across the quarter (Example: 3 credits of independent study should result in roughly 40 hours of work).

You must bring a lot to the table in preparing for your Independent Study, but the benefits include one-on-one attention, more focused exploration of a topic that interests you, and more flexible scheduling. Ideally, an independent study supplements and compliments what your program's curriculum offers.

Start thinking early about what you might want to study. The scope of an independent study can be broad or deep, but the extent of your engagement with the topic should fit the number of credits you are requesting. Start thinking at least a quarter in advance so that you can find a suitable faculty member whose expertise matches your topic. Your proposal should include:
- the proposed study topic
- a rationale for the focus
- a preliminary reading list
- a description of the learning documents that you will produce

How do I sign up for an Independent Study?
To pursue an independent study, you must first find a fulltime faculty member with expertise in the area you are interested in who is willing and able to support you. It is best to have a clear idea of the content you would like to pursue before reaching out to faculty for support.

Once you have identified a faculty member who has agreed to work with you, you will meet and complete the Independent Study Request Form: https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/sites/default/files/2020-12/independent_study_form.pdf.

Turn in the completed form to your academic advisor for processing. Your advisor will then contact you with your registration information once your request is approved.

MEd Retention and Dismissal Policy

The Retention and Dismissal Policy of the UW Tacoma School of Education outlines the procedures regarding review for low scholarship and satisfactory progress for all candidates enrolled in a master's program. Additional requirements for certification programs are located in program specific handbooks. All students regardless of program are expected to meet Standards for Essential Skills and Dispositions for admission and continuation of their graduate study.
The School of Education will conduct quarterly reviews approximately 10 days after grades are posted for the most recent quarter. Program advisors will provide grade reports to the faculty director and appropriate individuals to identify candidates who have not met scholarship standards. In addition, the program faculty and staff will review for satisfactory performance and progress including adherence to the Standards for Essential Skills and Dispositions. UW Tacoma faculty (including part-time lecturers) and program advisors may initiate a review at any time based on a violation(s) of scholarship and/or performance standards. When reviewing for performance standards, the appropriate parties will review the concern, make appropriate recommendations, and determine next steps. The advisor, faculty director, and other employees in the School of Education as appropriate, may recommend a change of status to the UW Graduate School based on the severity of the violation to include warning, probation, final probation, or dropping a candidate from the program.

To remain in good standing and continue study as a graduate student in the School of Education, candidates must meet both the academic and satisfactory performance standards outlined below.

**Academic standards**
The following criteria will be used in determining academic performance:

1. Earn a minimum of 2.7, satisfactory (S) or credit (CR) in each course. Courses where a GPA below a 2.7, non-satisfactory (NS) or no credit (NC) is earned will not have credit applied toward a graduate degree.
2. Earn a minimum quarterly grade-point average of 3.0.
3. Earn a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0.

**Satisfactory performance and progress**
The following criteria will be used in determining satisfactory performance and progress:

1. Performance in the fulfillment of degree program requirements.
   Non satisfactory progress includes:
   a. Incomplete grades that carryover for more than one quarter
   b. An accumulation of more than two courses for which incomplete grades were given
   c. More than one non-hardship withdrawal per year
2. Performance during informal course work and in the field
3. Adherence to the Standard for Essential Skills and Dispositions

**Review of academic standards**
Following quarterly review, candidates not making satisfactory progress toward completion of degree/program requirements will be notified. The guidelines below will be followed when determining a change of status based on academic standards:

**Mid-Quarter Warning Notice**
Midway through each quarter, all School of Education faculty are asked to meet with any candidates in danger of not passing their course to share their concerns, address any obstacles, discuss campus resources, and create a plan for improvement. The mid-quarter warning notice form is used as a
contract to help the candidate return to good standing. This process is meant to be an early intervention to improve candidate performance.

**No Action**
Where a candidate’s cumulative GPA is above 3.0 and their most recent quarter's course work is below 3.0, a review will be triggered by the academic advisor. If no cause for concern is found, the academic advisor will send a letter to the candidate with a reminder of the policy and the candidate will remain in good standing. There is no change in status communicated to the Dean of the UW Graduate School.

**Warning**
Where a candidate’s quarterly and/or cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 and the review finds cause for concern, the candidate will receive a warning. The academic advisor will notify the candidate in writing of a change in status, the policy, and the timeline in which they must regain satisfactory standing. This status is initiated and documented by the program level, but is not reported to the Graduate School and does not appear on the student’s transcript.

**Probation**
Where a candidate’s quarterly and/or cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 for two quarters, the program and School of Education may place the candidate on probation. The academic advisor will officially communicate this change of status to the Dean of the UW Graduate School. The academic advisor will notify the candidate in writing of their change in status, the policy, and the time limit in which they must regain satisfactory standing.

**Final Probation**
Where a candidate’s quarterly and/or cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 for three quarters, the program and School of Education may place the candidate on final probation. The academic advisor will officially communicate this change of status to the Dean of the UW Graduate School. The academic advisor will notify the candidate in writing of their change in status, the policy, and the timeframe in which they must regain satisfactory standing.

**Dismissal**
Where a candidate’s quarterly and/or cumulative GPA falls below a 3.0 for four quarters, the program and School of Education may dismiss the candidate from the School of Education. The graduate advisor will officially communicate this change of status to the Dean of the UW Graduate School. The academic advisor will notify the candidate of the change in status, the policy, and whether or not they may return to the program at a later date.

**Academic Grievance Procedure (Appealing a Change of Status)**
Further details, including guidelines for change of status actions may be found in the UW Graduate School Memorandum No. 16, Academic Performance and Progress. It may be accessed through the Graduate School Home Page at [https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-16-academic-performance-and-progress/](https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-16-academic-performance-and-progress/).
Candidates may **grieve** (appeal) a change in status through a written petition to the School of Education's Elected Faculty Council (contact your academic advisor for additional guidance). Appeals beyond this point should follow the process outlined in Graduate School Memorandum No. 33, *Academic Grievance Procedure* [https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-33-academic-grievance-procedure/](https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/memo-33-academic-grievance-procedure/).

**Maintaining Graduate Student Status**

**Graduate On-Leave Status (taking a quarter off)**
To maintain graduate status, a candidate must be enrolled on a full-time, part-time, or official On-Leave basis from the time of first enrollment in the Graduate School until completion of all requirements for the graduate degree. Summer quarter On-Leave enrollment is automatic for all graduate candidates who were registered or officially On-Leave the preceding spring quarter. Failure to maintain continuous enrollment constitutes evidence that the candidate has resigned from the Graduate School.

**Graduate School On-Leave Policy**
Notify your academic advisor if you are thinking about requesting leave. The Graduate On-Leave Request Form becomes available online two weeks before the start of the quarter and remains open through the last week of the quarter. All candidates must request leave quarterly and pay a non-refundable quarterly fee of $25.00, which keeps your student status, library access, and UW email active.

To be eligible for On-Leave status, you must have registered for, and completed at least one quarter in the UW Graduate School. You must also have been registered or officially On-Leave for the immediate past quarter (except summer).

[https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/general-graduate-student-policies/graduate-on-leave-status/](https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/general-graduate-student-policies/graduate-on-leave-status/)

Candidates on leave are **NOT** entitled to extensive faculty and staff counsel, examinations of any type (except for language competency), thesis/culminating project filing, University housing, student insurance, or any form of financial assistance. Any student who has registered for a quarter may not submit a petition for on-leave status for that specific quarter unless there is an action to officially withdraws from all courses before the first day of that quarter. Candidates who have been registered for even one day of a quarter are deemed to have status for the quarter and will be eligible to register for classes or apply for leave for the following quarter (spring enables registration for summer or autumn). If a candidate who is in On-Leave status registers in any other status, i.e., Extension, Non-matriculated, Graduate Non-matriculated, etc., this will terminate their official On-Leave status for that quarter, even if they subsequently drop those courses.

**Leave and Culminating Project Course Completion (TEDUC 599)**
MEd candidates (with the exception of those seeking the Special Education study option) are required to complete TEDUC 599 in winter and spring quarters for their culminating project and must confirm their intent to enroll in TEDUC 599 by contacting their academic advisor to
update/confirm their program plan before the start of autumn quarter to ensure space availability. This includes candidates who are officially on leave, as well as those who have taken a break from the program and do not currently have an active student status. Failure to alert your academic advisor prior to the start of autumn quarter may result in the delayed completion of the TEDUC 599 sequence due to space constraints in these courses.

**Petitions & Transfer Credits**

The School of Education petition form (Appendix B) may be used for a variety of purposes including the following:

1. Grade appeal. (See section on grade appeals above)
2. Transfer Credit Request. A candidate may ask to transfer up to six quarter credits from other universities. (See UW [Graduate School Master’s Degree Policy for Transfer Credit](#).)
3. Program Requirement Adjustment. Any change to the required courses and/or course sequence may be requested via petition.

All candidates wishing to file a petition are encouraged to schedule a meeting with their academic advisor for further information and guidance on the process.

**Petition Procedure**

- Candidates must be admitted to the program before they are eligible to petition.
- The academic advisor meets with the candidate to discuss their concerns/requests and provides necessary resources/guidance.
- The student completes the written petition form (Word document). A clear statement of the reason for the petition and supporting evidence is needed.
- The student submits the petition and documentation to the academic advisor who makes a recommendation and forwards the recommendation to the faculty director for guidance.
- The faculty director, in consultation with the appropriate program faculty if appropriate, reviews the petition and provides a decision.
- The academic advisor sends a copy to the student and retains a copy in the student file. If the petition is a Graduate School Petition, the academic advisor submits the petition to the UW Graduate School.

**Preparing for Certification or Endorsement**

All certification and endorsement recommendation are completed through [OSPI’s E-Cert System](#):

Please ensure that you report all endorsement test scores to UW Tacoma at the point of registration, and work with your Certification Officer and Advisor to ensure that all requirements are met.

**Preparing to Graduate**

**Graduation Requirements Checklist**

- Satisfy the requirements for the degree that are in force at the time the degree is to be awarded.
- Register as a graduate student (minimum of 2 quarter credits) during the quarter you plan to
complete the degree. You must maintain registration through the end of the quarter in which the degree is conferred.

- Remove any X, N, or I grades posted on your transcript for courses needed to satisfy degree requirements.
- Receive a grade of 2.7 or better on all coursework used to satisfy degree requirements, and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Complete Graduate School coursework requirements including residency requirements as stipulated in the General Catalog.
- All coursework, including approved transfer courses, must be completed within a 6-year timeframe.

**Hooding and Commencement Ceremonies**

The presentation of the academic hood to master's degree candidates is a special moment for the candidate and the faculty of their academic program. Each school at UW Tacoma holds its own hooding ceremony, allowing more time to recognize each degree candidate. Master's degree candidates are encouraged to attend both their hooding ceremony and the university's campus-wide commencement ceremony.

http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/commencement/hooding-ceremonies

At the hooding ceremony, a master's hood will be placed over the student's head by a School of Education faculty member. The hood's colors of light blue indicate a degree in Education from the UW. Hooding is a symbolic gesture of honor in recognition of the graduate's advanced academic achievement.

UW Tacoma also has one commencement ceremony per year, held at the end of the Spring Quarter. All students who graduated in the previous autumn quarter or have graduated in the Winter or Spring quarter of the current year, are eligible to participate, as well as those students who are going to finish their degrees by the coming Summer quarter. If you expect to be a summer graduate, you have a choice which ceremony you would like to participate in, but you can only "walk" once.

Information about the ceremony including registration, purchasing a cap and gown, graduation announcements and preparation for the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website.

**Graduation**

**Final Quarter Registration**

Candidates must maintain registration as a full or part-time (minimum of 2 credits) graduate student at the University during the quarter their master's degree is conferred.

Candidates must submit master's degree requests online. Candidates may submit a request from the 1st day of the quarter they expect to graduate until 11:59 pm, of the last day of the quarter in which they expect to graduate: https://webapps.grad.uw.edu/student/mastapp.aspx.

- Complete the Exit Questionnaire. You will not be able to return to the request page to make
changes or complete information later.

- You are completing a **non-thesis** program—**make sure you select this option**.
- Students will receive an email confirming receipt of their Master's Degree Request and any in-progress or outstanding coursework required for the degree.

**University Policies**

**Inclement Weather Policy**
If severe weather makes it unsafe to travel to campus, the university will announce either a delayed opening, early closing or suspension of operations through the following notification systems:

- UW Tacoma website: [www.tacoma.uw.edu](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu)
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/uwtacoma](http://www.twitter.com/uwtacoma)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/uwtacoma](http://www.facebook.com/uwtacoma)
- Check [www.flashalert.net/id/UWTacoma](http://www.flashalert.net/id/UWTacoma)
- Local television and radio media outlets

Keep in mind that conditions may be different at your home than they are on campus. When the university is in operation, but severe weather conditions exist, use your own best judgment about getting to campus. If you decide not to come out to campus due to inclement weather, please notify your course instructor(s) as soon as possible. If you are scheduled for field or practica, you will need to follow your site's procedures and protocols for reporting absences.

**Suspended operations (closing campus)**
In the event of snow, ice or other dangerous conditions, campus leadership will assess the road conditions early in the morning and make a decision **no later than 6:00 am**, about whether to suspend operations for the entire day or operate on a delayed schedule. When operations are suspended, the entire campus is closed, classes are not held, administrative offices are closed, and all events and activities are cancelled. If you are scheduled for field or practica, you will need to follow your site's established procedures, and not assume that just because the campus is closed, your site is also shut down.

**Delayed start**
When a delayed schedule is announced, classes and offices will resume operations at a later than usual time, usually at 10:30 am or Noon, depending on conditions. Any classes or events occurring before operations resume, are cancelled. If you are scheduled for field or practica, you will need to follow your site's established procedures, and not assume that just because the campus has a delayed start, your site is also following the same schedule.

**Closing early**
If a storm hits in the middle of the day, campus leaders may decide to suspend operations early. An announcement is usually made **by 2:00 pm** that day. Any classes or events happening after that time are cancelled. If you are scheduled for field or practica, you will need to follow your site's established procedures, and not assume that just because the campus is closing early, your site is also following the same schedule.
Missed classes
Faculty will make all efforts to make advance arrangements to contact students if class is cancelled when the university is not closed. Students should talk with their instructors about making up class time that’s lost during a suspension of operations or a delayed opening, or if they are unable to get to campus.

Equal Opportunity and Reasonable Accommodation

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action compliance efforts at the UW are coordinated by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, University of Washington, 227 Gerberding Hall, Box 351270, Seattle, Washington, 98195-1240 (Email eoaa@uw.edu).

UW Tacoma is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation contact Disability Resources for Students at least ten days in advance at: 253-692-4508 or drsuwt@uw.edu.

UW Student Conduct Code
The UW Student Conduct Code is detailed and explained by one Washington state code law and two Student Governance and Policy documents:

Chapter 209 – Student conduct policy for academic misconduct and behavioral misconduct.
Chapter 210 – Student conduct policy for discriminatory and sexual harassment, intimate partner violence, sexual misconduct, stalking and retaliation.

UW Graduate School Memoranda
https://grad.uw.edu/policies-procedures/graduate-school-memoranda/
This website includes program policies maintained by the UW Graduate School. Content is reviewed and modified as needed. Final decisions regarding implementation or continuation of policies receive the advice of the Graduate School Council.

**Glossary of Terms**

**C&I** – Curriculum & Instruction, a study option in the Master for Practicing Educators or MEd

**Cohort** – A cohort is a group of students who work through a curriculum together to achieve the same academic degree together.

**Co-Teaching** – Co-teaching or team-teaching is when two educators work together to plan, organize, instruct and make assessments on the same group of students, sharing the same classroom.

**Endorsement** – In Washington State, endorsements indicate the content area and grade level certificated teachers are prepared to teach.

**FERPA** – The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 protect the privacy of students' education records. Generally, the guidelines mean that the University and its employees may not release or share a student's educational records, or information from a student's education records unless it has the student's written consent to do so. Some exceptions to this general rule can be found at [FERPA for Faculty and Staff](#).

**Field Manager or Field Coordinator** – Oversees field placements and field partnerships for all certification programs. This role also oversees the work of Field Supervisors.

**Field Placement** – Placement of a teacher certification candidates in a K-12 school and/or with a particular mentor teacher to gain experience and skills in the classroom. All teacher candidates in Washington must complete fieldwork as a requirement of certification. May also include placements of Educational Administration, School Psychology, and candidates in other certification programs.

**Field Supervisor** – Each candidate in our Educational Administration and Teacher Certification Program is assigned a field supervisor. Field supervisors have experience teaching and serving in various leadership roles in the K-12 public schools. They provide both assessment and support during fieldwork.

**MEd** – Master in Education Degree

**Mentor Teacher** – A certified and tenured K-12 Teacher with whom a teacher candidate is placed with to develop skills being taught in the teacher certification program, through applied practice in the classroom. The mentor teacher not just formally assesses each candidate’s progress but provides mentoring and support as the candidate becomes socialized to the K-12 teaching profession.

**OSPI** – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (oversees and grants certification).

**SEL** – Social Emotional Learning, a study option in the MEd,

**SPED** – Special Education,

**TELL** – Teaching English Language Learners,
**Teacher Candidate** – Term used to describe a student in a teacher certification program.

**U-PASS** – Available for a quarterly charge, U-PASS partners with ORCA to turn your student ID card into a bus pass. For those that purchase this option, U-PASS is inside the smart chip in your card. **UWNetID** – The portion of your UW email that precedes @uw.edu; also your login for your MyUW account. e.g. the UWNet ID of mchen@uw.edu is mchen.

**Campus & Community Resource Center**

Welcome to the Student Affairs Virtual Resource Hub. This site, managed by the Office of Student Advocacy and Support, will help you find resources for your basic needs and any other concerns you might be experiencing (e.g., academic, basic needs HUB, child care, food, emotional, etc.). Please select a category associated with your concern, search for your concern or check out the alphabetical list of concerns or resources. [Welcome to HuskiesCare](#)