

Formal Admission to Teacher Education

Formal Admission to Teacher Education (FATE) is the written process that confirms your intent to pursue teacher certification at West Chester University in a teacher education program. Access to designated advanced professional education courses is restricted to candidates who have been formally admitted.

Formal admission applications are available in your program's departmental office or from the Office of Teacher Certification in Recitation Hall, room 302.

Requirements

- Enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification or educational specialist
- Earned a minimum of 48 credits at the college level (100 level or above)
- Earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8
- Earned 3 credits in college-level English composition
- Earned 3 credits in English literature
- Earned 6 credits in college-level mathematics
- Achieved passing scores, as established by the PA Department of Education, on the Praxis I tests
 - Method 1
 - Method 2
- Received the recommendation of your major department
- If applicable, met all additional program specific requirements

Note about Praxis Tests: You should take the Praxis I Series tests (PPST Reading, PPST Writing, PPST Math) as early as your first year.

Application Process

1. Obtain FATE application forms from your department office, the Teacher Certification Office in 302 Recitation Hall, or the Teacher Education Center in 251 F.H. Green Library.
2. Complete the form for FATE.
3. Attach any records required. (See top of FATE application)
4. Obtain your advisor's signature on the application. Your advisor's signature indicates you have received your department's approval for FATE. (If you are a student in a secondary education or foreign language program, you must obtain the signatures of both your discipline and your professional education advisors.)
5. Submit application and attachments to the Undergraduate Program Counselor in 251 F.H. Green Library.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR RETURNED.
(Consult with your department advisor to determine if you are eligible for a one semester waiver to FATE)

You can verify your FATE status by checking the bottom of your unofficial transcript in MyWCU.

FATE Status

- If at any time your cumulative GPA falls below 2.8, formal admission will be removed from your record and you will be denied access to designated advanced professional education courses.
- Notify the Teacher Certification Office in 302 Recitation Hall to have your FATE status reinstated once you have earned a minimum 2.8 GPA again.

***Waiver Policy**

If you have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher *and* have met all but one of the other requirements for FATE, you may request a one-semester waiver to take any designated advanced professional education courses. *Examples* of situations where a waiver can be requested are:

- Still have to pass one of three Praxis I examinations
- Taking, but have not completed, a course to meet the English literature requirement
- Taking, but have not completed, 48 college-level credits (minimum of 43 earned credits required)

Waiver forms are obtained from your department chairperson or program coordinator. Once approved and signed by your department, the form is submitted to the Office of the Undergraduate Program Counselor in 251 FHG Library. Upon approval, during their scheduling time, candidates take the form to the Office of the Registrar for scheduling any *open* advanced professional education courses listed on your waiver.