4 Decision Points for UNI Teacher Education
Marking progress toward earning your Iowa teaching license at UNI!

1. Admission to UNI

Prior to all Field Experiences:
- Fill out SING background check paperwork and turn in at Office of Teacher Ed.
- Go to Blood-borne pathogens training, offered at the beginning of each semester.

2. Admission to Teacher Ed Program
(required before you can take Level II courses)
- Declare a teaching major
- Application approved for admission to Teacher Education Program
- Attend Teacher Education orientation
- Earn at least 24 semester hours of credit
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above
- Take and pass Praxis Core tests:
  - Reading 138 or higher
  - Writing 142 or higher
  - Math 115 or higher
  - Aggregate total 448 or higher
- No Notifications of Concern (“Acceptable professional dispositions”)
- Completion of the following courses (or an equivalent) with a C- grade or higher:
  - TEACHING 2017
  - An approved math course (check with your advisor)
  - College Writing and Research
  - Oral Communication

(*Two semesters of Cornerstone with a C- grade or higher meets this requirement)

3. Admission to Student Teaching
- All GPA requirements (2.50 or above) met:
  - UNI
  - Cumulative
  - Professional education sequence courses
  - Courses in your major(s)
  - Methods courses
- High Risk Behaviors & Substance Abuse training completed
- Successful completion of required methods courses
- No Notifications of Concern
- Successful completion of Level II Field Experience
- Successful completion of methods practicum

4. Recommendation for Licensure
- Successful completion of Student Teaching
- Take and pass Praxis II exams:
  - Subject Assessment for your major
  - Principles of Learning and Teaching
- No Notifications of Concern
- 2.50 GPA or above:
  - UNI cumulative
  - Overall cumulative
  - Courses in your major

Iowa Board of Education Examiners Requirements
- Praxis Core tests -- attain UNI’s minimum required scores in Reading, Writing and Math, as well as the aggregate total score.
- High Risk Behaviors & Substance Abuse training -- Must have completed this training in order to student teach and for licensure. Training is available on your eLearning under the heading “Teacher Education Trainings”.
- FBI Background Check – This includes fingerprinting. You will do this the semester before you student teach.
- PRAXIS II tests – Take and pass the exams before you student teach. ALL teaching majors must attain State of Iowa cut-off scores on a Subject Assessment AND on a Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION
The Application for Admission to Teacher Education is on the Teacher Education webpage (www.uni.edu/teachered). To access online, click on:
- Information for Students
- Admission to the UNI Teacher Education Program
- Application to the Teacher Education Program
- Complete the application and print a copy. Sign the form in ink (not pencil), date it and bring or mail it to:
  Office of Teacher Education
  Schindler Education Center 152
  1227 W 27th Street
  Cedar Falls, IA  50614-0602
You also may scan and email your application to teachereducation@uni.edu.

SING BACKGROUND CHECK
You can find the SING Background Check paperwork on the Teacher Education webpage at (www.uni.edu/teachered) or you can stop in our office to pick up a copy. To access online, click on:
- Information for Students
- Background Check Procedures
- SING Background Check Information (pdf)
- Print out the SING paperwork. You will find part of these forms already have been completed with UNI’s information.
- Complete only the sections that have a double star in front of them.
- Submit your completed paperwork and $15 cash or check (make it out to “UNI – Teacher Education”) to Schindler Education Center 152.
- Early Childhood majors should follow the instructions listed specifically for them.

UNITED STUDENT ASSESSMENT
You can access your UNITED Student Assessment information from MyUNIverse:
- Log in to MyUNIverse
- Go to the My Page tab
- Find the Performance Assessment System heading
- Click on View My Progress

You will find information regarding your status for the following in UNITED:
1) Requirements and progress for admission to UNI’s Teacher Education Program
2) Requirements and progress toward your Student Teaching experience
3) Requirements and progress toward your initial Iowa teaching license.

CERTIFICATE VIEWER
The Certificate Viewer is where you can find your UNI certificates as you complete them:
1) Bloodborne Pathogens (OSHA) training
2) Mandatory Reporter of Child Abuse Awareness training
3) High Risk Behaviors and Substance Abuse training
4) SING Background Check
5) FBI (fingerprint) Background Check

The Office of Teacher Education will post your certificates of completion to your MyUNIverse page after you complete each training or background check. You can print out copies of your certificates by:
- Logging in to MyUNIverse
- Go to the My Page tab
- Find the Teacher Education heading
- Click on Certificate Viewer
- Click on the date below the certificate you want to view/print.

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