

CALCULATING GPA FOR STUDENT TEACHING

PURPOSE

To establish a mechanism to re-calculate the entering GPA for student teaching.

POLICY

1. Only grades that were credited toward a baccalaureate degree will be considered when calculating the GPA.
2. If a student elects to retake a course or takes an equivalent course, then the higher grade will be used in the calculation of the required student teaching GPA.
3. The cumulative GPA required for student teaching will be 2.8.

NOTE: Reference to GPA reflects the student teaching GPA (not the university GPA as indicated on university transcripts) as calculated according to the guidelines below.

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Program Students:

4. Students wishing to enter the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certificate Program will need a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
5. Graduate credits included in the calculation of the GPA will be at the discretion of the Dean of Education subject to written Department guidelines.
6. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 to 2.79 will be conditionally accepted; however, students must attain a cumulative 2.8 GPA prior to student teaching.
7. Students whose cumulative grade point average falls below 2.5 and wish to repair their GPA may, in consultation with an advisor, develop an appropriate course of study (xx credits of A work or xx credits of B work) that could result in the student's achieving a minimum 2.5 for conditional acceptance. Course of study will respond to the level and area of certification.

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8. Only students matriculated in a program may enroll in a practicum. Students must also have completed a minimum of nine credits in the program area of the practicum at Westfield State University. (Six of these credits potentially could be taken at the graduate level).

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.