



School of Teacher Education and Leadership
Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
REQUIREMENTS FOR LANE DESIGNATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS
NOT INVOLVING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Teacher preparation for the various Elementary Education majors in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership is called *Bridge to Professional Practice* (BPP). Students may complete BPP in one of two lanes: the Licensure Lane or the General Studies Lane. This document outlines the differing requirements, obligations, and outcomes of completing the program in each lane. Students are responsible for understanding and fulfilling the conditions for their specific major.

To complete BPP, students will apply for a Lane Designation. For ELED, ELED/SPED, and ELED/DE majors, Lane Designation will occur at the completion of the Preparation Anchor of BPP (e.g., typically when TEAL 3000 is completed). **Students must be admitted to USU prior to applying for a Lane Designation.** Documents verifying all requirements must be attached to the Lane Designation Application.

Students will have received a background check clearance prior to enrolling in TEAL 3000. **However, students are required to inform TEAL if they have been arrested or convicted of violating any law except minor traffic violations while they are a student in any Elementary Education major.** Background checks expire after five years. Students are responsible for renewing their background check to keep it current while in any Elementary Education major. Any questions about background checks should be directed to the Teacher Education Licensing Office at (435) 797-1443.

LICENSURE LANE REQUIREMENTS

The Licensure Lane is available within the above-listed ELED majors to students who meet the following criteria. The Licensure Lane gives students priority registration for TEAL and ELED courses and leads to a recommendation from USU for a Utah Teaching License from the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). Continuation in the Licensure Lane is contingent upon maintaining a 3.00 GPA throughout the program and receiving no grade lower than a B- in a major course. Students may attempt a course twice (i.e., one repeat) to meet the listed grade standard. Licensure Lane students who fail to maintain the indicated level of performance will lose Licensure Lane designation but may apply for a General Studies Lane Designation.

1. **Cumulative GPA.** A cumulative GPA of 3.00 in a minimum of 30 semester credits is required.
2. **Teacher Preparation Anchor.** Applicants must have successfully completed the following courses with the indicated minimum grades and a GPA across these courses of 3.00.
 - ELED 1010—**B- or better**
 - HDFS 1500—**C or better**
 - TEAL 3000—**B- or better**
 - TEAL 3002—**P**
3. **Core Content Courses.** Applicants must have successfully completed the following courses with the indicated minimum grades and a GPA across these courses of 3.00. Students with AP or CLEP credits in any of these areas will have that area waived and the GPA will be computed on the remaining grades. TEAL reserves the right to consider substitutions for these requirements.
 - English Composition (3 credits)—**C+ or better**
 - MATH 2010 or 2020—**C or better** [Prerequisite: MATH 1050 or 1051—**C- or better**]
 - American Institutions/Humanities (3 credits)—**C or better**
 - Creative Arts (3 credits)—**C or better**
 - Life and/or Physical Science (6 credits)—**C or better**
4. **Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Exam.** Each section of the Praxis II must be **passed**. Praxis II should be taken at least one semester prior to submitting a Lane Designation Application. Study guides are available in EDUC 373 or at www.ets.org/praxis/prepare/materials/5001. For more information and to register to take the Praxis, visit www.ets.org/praxis. Limited slots are available on selected dates, so early registration is recommended.

5. **Dispositions Assessment.** Applicants must successfully complete a dispositions assessment (required by the Utah State Board of Education) during TEAL 3000.

↻GENERAL STUDIES LANE REQUIREMENTS↻

The General Studies Lane (GSL) is available only to those majoring specifically in Elementary Education, but who do not meet Licensure Lane requirements. It is not available to students in a composite or dual major. GSL students may register for TEAL and ELED courses **only on a space available basis** after Licensure Lane students have had an opportunity to register for the course. Registration by GSL may occur **beginning one week prior to the commencement of the semester**. The GSL students will be permitted to register for any available spots as determined by lottery. As a result, **GSL students may not be able to move through their program in an efficient manner**. Students may be delayed from taking a desired course if the course is filled by Licensure Lane students. If space is available, GSL students will be permitted to take all teacher preparation courses prior to student teaching. GSL students are not permitted to do student teaching. GSL must maintain a GPA of 2.00 to continuing taking teacher preparation courses. GSL students will graduate with a bachelor's degree in General Studies. They will not receive a recommendation for teacher licensure from USU, but may pursue licensure independently through a local school district. GSL students who eventually meet all Licensure Lane requirements may apply for a Licensure Lane Designation. With this possibility, **GSL students should carefully consider meeting grade requirements for the Licensure Lane rather than meeting those listed for GSL**.

1. **Cumulative GPA.** A cumulative GPA of 2.75 in a minimum of 30 semester credits is required.
2. **Teacher Preparation Anchor.** Applicants must have successfully completed the following courses with the indicated minimum grades and a GPA across these courses of 2.75
 - a. ELED 1010—**B- or better**
 - b. HDFS 1500—**C- or better**
 - c. TEAL 3000—**B- or better**
 - d. TEAL 3002—**P**
3. **Core Content Courses.** Applicants must have successfully completed the following courses with the indicated minimum grades and a GPA across these courses of 2.75. See Licensure Lane description for further information.
 - a. English Composition (3 credits)—**C- or better**
 - b. MATH 2010 or 2020—**C- or better** [Prerequisite: MATH 1050 or 1051—**C- or better**]
 - c. American Institutions/Humanities (3 credits, not including HDFS 1500)—**C- or better**
 - d. Creative Arts (3 credits)—**C- or better**
 - e. Life and/or Physical Science (6 credits)—**C- or better**
4. **Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Exam.** Each section of the Praxis II must be **attempted**. See Licensure Lane description for further information.
5. **Dispositions Assessment.** Applicants must successfully complete a dispositions assessment (required by the Utah State Board of Education) during TEAL 3000.

↻IMPORTANT INFORMATION↻

1. **Application Deadlines: March the first Tuesday after Spring Break, July 15, October 10.** Students not meeting these deadlines may still receive a Lane Designation, on a space available basis, *once all materials are submitted*.
2. **Application Competitiveness.** Lane Designation may be competitive when there are more applications than space available. Students who do not receive a Lane Designation in one semester may apply another semester. However, such students will not be given special consideration or guaranteed Lane Designation.
3. **Course Availability.** No specific Lane Designation guarantees space in any class at a particular time. Enrollment "bubbles" occasionally occur that create more competition for course space than at other times.
4. **Disabilities Accommodations.** Students with a disability may contact TEAL for information regarding reasonable accommodations for any of the required tests.
5. **Petition for GPA Waiver.** Students who do not meet the GPA requirement for Licensure Lane designation may complete a petition to waive this requirement. Waivers are awarded on a space available basis. See advisor for details.