

Neag School of Education Teacher Education Programs GPA Waiver Application

Minimum GPA

To be eligible for admission to the Integrated Bachelor's/Master's (IB/M) teacher education program, applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70. There is an option for a GPA waiver.

GPA Waiver

If an IB/M applicant has a cumulative GPA below 2.70, the student may submit a written waiver application letter and supporting materials requesting a waiver of the 2.70 GPA. Applicants who receive a GPA waiver are then eligible for admission. Receiving the GPA waiver does not guarantee admission, however.

Application

GPA waiver applicants should upload waiver application letter with their other application materials. The application will be reviewed by the GPA Waiver Committee. The GPA Waiver Committee will include the Assistant Dean and Certification Officer and the Director of Teacher Education Programs.

The GPA waiver application letter and any supplemental materials must present compelling evidence of why you should receive the GPA waiver. This **MUST** include:

- **Context for your cumulative GPA and grades that goes beyond academics to provide us with a full picture of your experiences**
- **How you see yourself and your habits as an IB/M teacher education student being similar or different from your prior habits as an undergraduate student**
- **Strategies or systems you anticipate using to support your success in an upper level, cohort-based, three-year teacher preparation program**

Rationale for consideration of a GPA waiver for IB/M applicants:

Identification of, rationale for, and relevant documentation/evidence (examples provided in *italics*) of one of the following:

- 1) Candidates who can show a substantial and sustained improvement in their overall GPA during the last one to two semesters prior to applying for the program. *Documentation or evidence includes: official transcripts from all higher education institutions*
- 2) Candidates who have an unusual/extenuating circumstance, such as family crisis, illness, trauma. *Documentation/evidence includes: explanatory letter (this does not need to be a doctor's letter and you do not need to disclose private medical information).*
- 3) Candidates who have a B or better in the academic content area for the endorsement sought. *Documentation/evidence includes: official transcripts from all higher education institutions*

GPA Application Expectations for Applicants

Please be sure to address the questions in full. Submit your waiver application in either PDF or word format, double spaced, 12-point font, and professionally written. A professionally written document is free from grammatical and spelling errors; is organized and composed using complete sentences; is both concise and clearly addresses all areas asked.

Timeline and Process

The GPA waiver application letter must be submitted prior to the scheduling of an interview. Failure to do so may result in the student's application not being processed.

The GPA waiver committee will review the student's GPA waiver materials to reach a decision regarding the granting or denial of the waiver. The committee will make a recommendation to the Director of Teacher Education Programs who will make the final decision regarding the waiver. The decision of Director is final and there is no further appeal available. The Director of Teacher Education Programs notifies the student in writing of the decision within two weeks of the GPA waiver committee meeting.

Expectations

GPA waiver-recipients admitted to IB/M may be put on a professional growth plan and are expected to raise their GPA in each subsequent semester (including the semester the student is applying). *Students who do not meet these GPA requirements may be subject to dismissal from the teacher education program.*

Any questions can be addressed to [Anna Roberts](#), IB/M Program Administrator.

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