Get into Weber

Why choose a Graduate Certificate in Teaching degree?

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching program is a nationally accredited teacher education program designed to provide preservice teachers the foundational knowledge and skills to be effective classroom teachers.

How do I become a teacher?

Housed within the Master of Education program. The GCT is a post-baccalaureate pathway for people who hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university to obtain a Utah State teaching license in either elementary (grades 1-8), secondary (grades 6-12), or special education (mild/moderate in grades K-12).

Is there an application deadline?

Yes, the department processes applications three times a year: summer deadline is January 15, fall deadline is May 15, and spring deadline is September 15.

Where can I find out more about the program?

Visit the website: https://weber.edu/teachered/graduate-certificates/teaching.html

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Elementary (Grades 1-8) Teaching Licensure Requirements
This 32 credit-hour program consists of 24 credits of coursework, 2 credits in a practicum, and 6 credits in student teaching resulting in a Utah Educator License.

Foundation Courses (8):
- MED 6110 – Introduction to Classroom Management (3) or 6120 – Advanced Classroom Management (3)
- MED 6050 – Curriculum Design, Evaluation, and Assessment (3)
- MED 6020 – Diversity in Education (2)

Method and Content Courses (18):
- MED 6265 – Foundations in Inclusive Teaching (2)
- MED 6229 – Instructional Technology for Pre-Service Teachers (2)
- MED 6311 – Content Instruction in the Elementary School: Science (2)
- MED 6312 – Content Instruction in the Elementary School: Mathematics (2)
- MED 6313 – Content Instruction in the Elementary School: Social Studies (2)
- MED 6314 – Content Instruction in the Elementary School (2)
- MED 6315 – Reading Instruction in Elementary School (2)
- MED 6316 – Language Arts Instruction in Elementary Schools (2)
- MED 6317 – Arts Integration for Elementary Teachers (2)

Required Mentoring, Supervision, and Field Work (8):
- MED 6860 – Practicum in Education (2)
  Complete a practicum of at least 60 clock hours in a school setting at least a semester prior to student teaching.

AND
- MED 6870 – Student Teaching in Elementary Education (6)
  Successfully complete student teaching (all day, for 60 days) with an assigned cooperating teacher.

Please note: Deadlines for student teaching are in September for the following spring semester and in January for the following fall semester.

*Practicum and Student Teaching credits do not count towards a master's degree.

Admission Requirements:
1. Application to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching program.
2. Payment of the GCT application fee.
3. Official transcripts with verified bachelor's degree.
4. Minimum GPA of 2.75 cumulative from all institutions attended. (This is a Utah State Board of Education requirement. Students with a GPA below 2.75 will not be considered for the program.)
5. Three Recommendation forms.
6. Group interview with two Teacher Education faculty and 6-8 potential licensing candidates.
Secondary (Grades 6-12) Teaching Licensure Requirements

This 25-hour program of study consists of 17 credit hours of coursework, 2 credits in a practicum, and 6 credits in student teaching resulting in a Utah Educator License.

Foundation courses (8):
- MED 6110 – Introduction to Classroom Management (3) or 6120 – Advanced Classroom Management (3)
- MED 6050 – Curriculum Design, Evaluation, and Assessment (3)
- MED 6020 – Diversity in Education (2)

Teaching Methods courses (9):
- MED 6520 – Content Area Literacy Instruction (3)
- MED 6265 – Foundations in Inclusive Teaching (2)
- MED 6060 – Instructional Strategies (2)
- MED 6229 – Instructional Technology for Pre-service Teachers (2)
*Please note: Teaching methods course(s) in content area – required as part of the program of study.

Required Mentoring, Supervision, and Field Work (8):
- MED 6860 – Practicum in Education (2)
Complete a practicum of at least 60 clock hours in a school setting at least a semester prior to student teaching.

AND
- MED 6880 – Student Teaching in Secondary Education (6)
Successfully complete student teaching (all day, for 60 days) with an assigned cooperating teacher.

Please note: Deadlines for student teaching are in September for the following spring semester and in January for the following fall semester.

*Practicum and Student Teaching credits do not count towards a master’s degree.
1. Transcripts
Which transcripts should I request?
- Request ALL university and college transcripts and send them to the M.Ed office.

2. References
Who should be a reference?
- A former professor
- Professional or Community organizer who can speak to working with school-age children/teens
Let your references know an email is coming. They may need to check their spam folder.

3. Secondary Endorsements
Secondary students must have endorsement area: ex. English, Health
Find endorsements here: Utah State Board of Education

4. PRAXIS
When should I take the PRAXIS?
- The PRAXIS must be completed prior to student teaching.
- Allow 3-4 weeks for scores to be sent to you and save them as a PDF.

5. Pre-Advisement Meeting
Review meeting online on the GCT website: Click on How to Apply – Step 1

6. Email
Which email should I use in my application?
- Use your WSU email if you currently have one.

7. Final Application Submission
If you do not see a Submit button, it is because there is missing

8. Background Check
Get your background check completed ahead of time. There is a 1-2 week processing period.
- Follow this link: Background Clearance Webpage
- You will receive an email from Michelle Checkman when your background check is complete – pick up card in TED advisement center ED230

9. Group Interview
- Dress professionally
- Come at least 5 minutes early

10. Licensure/Student Teaching
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