

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About the Teacher Preparation Collaborative (TPC)

### What is the time commitment, and how long will it take to complete the program?

It will take 13 months to complete the program and it requires a full-time commitment during the school year. Summer classes are quite intensive, but it might be possible to work a few hours on weekends or during the breaks. It is not reasonable to expect to continue extensive employment while completing the program.

### What can I expect to pay for the program?

The estimated cost for tuition and program fees is about \$13,500 for the 30 graduate credit licensure program. You will also have the expense of licensure exams, the state-required edTPA performance assessment, textbooks and materials for the courses as well as your personal living costs.

### What sources of financial support are there?

It is not possible for WSU to pay a stipend or scholarship to all students accepted in this program. Each person may explore their eligibility for loans or other forms of financial aid by contacting the WSU Office of Financial Aid or other sources.

### What if I don't have a degree closely related to the licensure field I want to teach?

If you do not have significant course background in a field closely related to the field you want to teach, you will not be eligible for the program. The TPC has been designed to allow people with a bachelor's degree in specific content areas to learn how to become a teacher: Business Education, Communication Arts & Literature, Chemistry, Physics, Life Science, Earth Science, Mathematics, and Social Studies.

### How does this program differ from the other licensure programs at WSU?

It differs in several ways. It allows you to earn the licensure at the graduate level which boosts your earning potential when you obtain a teaching position. In addition, it is a collaborative delivery model, which provides significant classroom experience and work with classroom teachers in addition to university faculty. Another significant difference is that in most cases, it allows you to attempt to complete the licensure without taking any additional undergraduate content courses if you are able to pass the MTLE content test and document mastery of content standards that are missing from your coursework.

### Do I need to take the Basic Skills tests (Reading, Writing, and Math) before being admitted to the program?

Yes. The required Basic Skills tests assure that you have basic skills in reading, writing and math in order to be an effective teacher. All WSU students applying to the College of Education must take these tests prior to admission to a teacher licensure program. You must have taken and passed any **one** of the following the exams: MTLE National Evaluation Series (NES), the ACT Plus Writing, SAT, or GRE. More specific "passing score" information can be found at: <http://www.winona.edu/teachered/mtle.asp>

### Which exams do I need to pass and when when?

You will need to pass all Basic Skills exams **prior to admission** to the TPC program.

It is **strongly recommended** you pass the MTLE Pedagogy exams prior to the year-long Internship that begins in August.

You must pass the MTLE Content **exams prior to applying** for your full teaching license (April of the Internship year).