

CAEP Measure 3: Candidate competency at completion

All program completers are required to maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.75. In addition, there are different GPA requirements based on the students major and minor. All candidates are required to take and pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification prior to student teaching. This allows students to be hired upon graduation.

Exceptions may be allowed for students who may have a class not complete or attempted the exam but were not successful. Students falling into this category are required to complete a program deviation application which is then sent to a committee. The committee reviews course completion, GPA and feedback from the clinical experience. We collect data during their 40-hour and 80-hour clinical experience from the mentor teacher, the student, and the University faculty member assigned to the course. In the application the student is expected to justify why they should be allowed to student teach prior to completing all courses or passing the MTTC. The following tables show how many requests were made, for what reason, and approval status for fall 2020 and spring 2021.

Table 1: Fall 2020 requests to Student teach without meeting full requirements.

Type of Request	No. of Requests	Full Approval	Approval w/ Conditions	Not Approved
Student Teach w/ missing course	3	1	2	0
Student teach w/o passing MTTC	21	17	4	0

Table 2: Spring 2021 requests to Student teach without meeting full requirements.

Type of Request	No. of Requests	Full Approval	Approval w/ Conditions	Not Approved
Student Teach w/ missing course	4	4	0	0
Student teach w/o passing MTTC	10	9	1	0

Request to student teach with a missing course may be related to the course rotation. We have a few courses that are only available in the summer or on an every other year basis. Students are not allowed to take courses while student teaching. If there was an approval with conditions, the student may have another issue such as not passing the MTTC.

Requests to student teach without passing the MTTC are approved with the understanding that the student will not be recommended for certification until they pass. An approval with conditions is usually because there is another issue such as a missing course.

Professional Dispositions

All students are assessed on professional dispositions in all Education courses every semester. At the end of the semester the faculty meet to discuss any students who are of concern. During this process students of concern are rated as: flagged (minor concerns but we need to watch); watch (student has previously been on flagged or concerns are more significant but not severe); Warning (student has been on watch list previously or concerns are more significant and usually in multiple courses), and finally, counsel out (student has been on warning list for two or more semesters and no improvement has been seen or concerns are severe enough that they should not be in the profession). Students who are on the watch and warning list are sent a letter. Watch students are instructed to meet with their advisor to discuss disposition concerns. Warning students are instructed to meet with their advisor to discuss and develop a plan for improvement. Both sets of students have registration holds until they meet with their advisor.

The following is Dispositions data from Fall 2018 to Spring 2021. Each line is a different student. What this table shows is that we have had some students who fell into one of the above categories and where they fell each semester for the past three years.

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