Requirements for Apprenticeship Experiences

The apprenticeship experience is the culminating activity in all of the teacher preparation programs. Successful completion of this experience is required of all undergraduate students seeking a degree and certification in a teacher preparation field of study. In this experience, a student spends an entire semester working with a master teacher in a school classroom. At the end of this semester's experience, students are expected to demonstrate all of the prerequisite skills required of an entry-level teacher. Criteria for admission to the Apprenticeship Semester are:

- Completion of all course work in the major area of study.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on all course work.
- A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on all upper division course work in the major (ECED, MGED, SPED). For secondary and P-12 education majors, a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 is required on all content courses utilized as part of the major and a cumulative grade point of at least 3.0 is required on all professional education courses.
- Successful completion of the Comprehensive Portfolio.
- A record free of criminal, disciplinary, and psychological problems.
- Verification of physical health appropriate to the requirements of a classroom teacher.
- The written recommendation of the student's academic advisor.

Due to the intensive nature of the experience, students may not enroll in any additional course work