32 AETP Forgivable Loans Available to UNK Students

What is AETP? Nebraska’s Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program (AETP) provides forgivable loans to eligible students who are working toward initial certification to teach in Nebraska. Forgivable loans will be awarded in the spring of 2019.

The fine print—Read before applying:
- The AETP provides forgivable loans to eligible students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate teacher education program at an eligible Nebraska institution working toward his/her initial certificate to teach in Nebraska.
- In return for receiving an AETP loan, the student agrees to complete the teacher education program that s/he is currently enrolled in and commits to becoming certified and to teach full-time in an accredited or approved public or private school in Nebraska.
- If the student meets the loan forgiveness obligations, loans will be forgiven, beginning after the first two years of full-time teaching, in an amount up to $3,000 for each year of teaching or in an amount up to $6,000 for each year of teaching if the student teaches in a school district that has been classified as very sparse or in a school building in which at least 40% of the students qualify for the poverty factor.
- See NDE website for complete details: https://www.education.ne.gov/EducatorPrep/TopPages/AETP.html

All qualified applicants will be considered. Students planning to student teach during the 2019 calendar year will be given first priority. If the number of qualified 2019 student teachers exceeds the allotted awards, a lottery will be used. Similarly, a lottery will be used to choose additional students if less than the allotted number of 2019 student teachers qualify.

Students who qualify:
1. have a UNK cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
2. have been formally admitted into UNK’s Teacher Education Program by 10/1/2018 (excludes Sch. Psychologist and Sch. Counseling students).
3. are a full-time student enrolled in 24 undergraduate credit hours or 18 graduate credit hours in 2018 (a combination of spring, summer, and fall semesters in 2018).
4. meet Nebraska residency requirements.
5. agree to complete current teacher education program for initial certification in one or more of the following shortage areas as defined by the Nebraska Department of Education:
   - Agriculture Ed
   - Art
   - BMIT
   - Early Childhood
   - ESL
   - FCS
   - Health &/or PE
   - Industrial Tech
   - Language Arts (includes ELA, Secondary English, Speech, Theatre, Journalism)
   - Mathematics
   - Middle Level*
   - Music
   - School Counselor
   - School Librarian**
   - School Psychologist
   - Science (includes Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space, Physics)
   - Special Education
   - Speech/Lang. Path.
   - World Language

*Middle Level must have one or more concentration areas from the following: Language Arts, Health and PE, Mathematics, Natural Science, French, German, or Spanish.

**School Librarian students must be concurrently enrolled in a UNK initial certification program.

Follow application link below for a complete list of shortage areas.

How to apply:
2. Return your application to the Educator Certification Office, COE C128, 1615 W. 24th St., Kearney, NE 68849, by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018. Do not send your application to the Nebraska Department of Education. Only paper copies containing an original signature received on or before October 18, 2018 will be accepted. Do not send faxes or electronic copies of the application, including
scan or photos. You may hand deliver your application to the Educator Certification Office or send by mail or carrier. Allow enough time so that your application arrives by **October 18, 2018**.