

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR BIOLOGY 7-12 ENDORSEMENT

All students intent on teaching must be admitted into the Teacher Education Program.

To complete the program, students must fulfill the following requirements as stated in the Undergraduate Catalog (hyperlink “Undergraduate Catalog” with the following website: <https://catalog.unk.edu/undergraduate/departments-programs/teacher-education/teacher-education-program-information/>)

- Establish and maintain 2.75 overall GPA or higher.
- Complete ENG 102, SPCH 100, TE 100, TE 204* or TE 206* with a “C” or better.
 - *TE 204 *and* TE 206 are required for student teaching, but just one is required for admission to Teacher Education.
- Complete Praxis Core Test required by the state Department of Education
 - Recommended to take mid-sophomore year
 - For more information, please see UNK Praxis Information (hyperlink “UNK Praxis Information” with the following website: <https://www.unk.edu/academics/certification/praxis-information.php>)
- Complete necessary Teacher Educator Certification Admission requirements**. These can be found as outlined at Admission to Teacher Education Requirements (hyperlink “Admission to Teacher Education Requirements” with the following website: https://www.unk.edu/academics/certification/admission_to_teacher_education_requirements.php)
- Declare a teaching program(s) at the Academic and Career Services Office. This is more commonly referred to as declaring yourself as an education major.
- Complete classes required for Biology Teaching Endorsement. A minimum of a cumulative 2.5 GPA is required in all courses required for the biology endorsement.
- Pass Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) Praxis Subject Test with a score of 148 prior to state certification
- More information about the Teacher Educator Certification can be found at UNK Educator Certification (hyperlink “UNK Educator Certification” with the following website: <https://www.unk.edu/academics/certification/index.php>)

** For Teacher Education, you must remain in compliance with Rules 20 and 21:

- Rule 20: Provide evidence of the absence of any criminal conviction (misdemeanor or felony) that would prevent a student from qualifying for a teaching certificate.
- Rule 21: Provide evidence of the absence of emotional and mental incapacity that would prevent a student from qualifying for a teaching certificate.