

TEACHER EDUCATION GPA POLICY

Requirements and Definitions

Students seeking certification in education through Shepherd University are required to obtain the following Grade Point Averages:

Educational Studies	2.75 (includes Professional Studies and Specialty Studies courses)
Overall	2.75

It is the policy of the Professional Education Unit that these GPA's will not be waived. Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the appropriate departments upon the receipt of a written request by a student. In those cases deemed to merit further consideration, the following regulations will apply:

1. Core Curriculum:
 - a. The Core Curriculum program allows for some flexibility in the selection of courses. The student may be allowed to take additional courses, in the areas where flexibility occurs, to raise the GPA. In effect, the new course selected will substitute for the course previously taken in calculating GPA.
 - b. Courses will be selected jointly by the student and the Department of Education.
2. Specialty Studies
 - a. With the approval of the department involved, additional courses in the teaching field may be assigned to raise a GPA.
 - b. Courses will be selected by the Specialization Coordinator.
3. Professional Studies:
 - a. With the approval of the Department of Education, additional courses in professional education may be assigned to raise a GPA.
 - b. Courses will be selected by the Department of Education.
4. Overall:
 - a. With the approval of the Department of Education and the appropriate teaching field department(s), additional courses may be assigned to raise a GPA.
 - b. Courses will be selected jointly by the Department of Education and the appropriate teaching field Specialization Coordinator.

GPA Requirements and Definitions:

Specialty Studies: Primarily content courses required for certification in different fields of study, e.g., Multi-Subjects K- 6, Social Studies 5-Adult, etc.

Professional Studies: Courses beginning with EDUC prefix required for certification in different fields of study.

Educational Studies: Combination of Specialization and Professional Education courses required for certification in the various fields of study. We require a 2.75 GPA in Professional Studies.

Core Curriculum: Those credit hours required by Shepherd University for a degree.

Overall: All courses taken for credit toward graduation, including Educational Studies, General Studies, and Electives. We require a 2.75 Overall GPA.