

Teacher Education Guidance Committee

This committee considers those professional education students who have deficiencies which are so serious that their success in the field of teaching would be in jeopardy. Such deficiencies may or may not relate to quantitative criteria.

The guidance committee is an ad hoc subcommittee of the Council on Teacher Education. Although the Council on Teacher Education has overall reviewing authority, this subcommittee, known as the Teacher Education Guidance Committee, develops and implements the necessary procedures. Committee members may include the assistant director of Teacher Education, chairperson of the Department of Professional Education, field experiences representative, chairperson or director of the student's major studies area, the student's advisor, and faculty who have taught the student. These committee members are included since they possess relevant information about the student.

Any University faculty member may refer a student to the Teacher Education Guidance Committee. The chairperson of the Council on Teacher Education will then structure the ad hoc committee and arrange a meeting in which the student may be called to appear. The chairperson will then report the decision of the committee to the student.

The committee will take one of four courses of action in regard to a student in question:

1. No action; the student would continue in the Teacher Education Program.
2. Recommend remedial actions that the student must take, to be followed by further screening.
3. Recommend remedial action and suspension from the teacher education program until the student has met said requirements of the committee.
4. Recommend that the student be terminated from the Teacher Education Program, in which case he or she would not be permitted to complete any program from this University leading to educator certification.

All students will have the right to appeal in person regarding decisions rendered by the Teacher Education Guidance Committee. The purpose of the appeal is not to provide a secondary hearing of a case already heard by the committee, but rather to insure that students have been able to present all information pertaining to their case and that proper protocols have been followed. Students should provide a basis for their appeal by submitting either new information (e.g. documentation from a doctor, counselor, or official) pertaining to their case, or evidence of error or bias on the part of the previous committee. The students must initiate the appeals process by contacting the Office of the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services.