

FAQ's for LAMP

Frequently Asked Questions of Incoming Students for the Licensure Alternative Masters Program (LAMP)

1. Q. What is the LAMP?
 - A. There are many ways to become a teacher. Some school districts will hire college graduates with degrees in an arts and sciences content area as licensed teachers on an emergency basis, but state licensure offers the best opportunity for long-term stability in a teaching career. The Licensure Alternative Masters Program is designed for someone who has an undergraduate degree in an area other than education and would like to become a licensed teacher. Our program offers courses that will lead to teacher licensure by the State of Ohio and a Master's degree in education. Additional requirements for teacher licensure include a criminal background check and successful completion of the PRAXIS II.

2. Q. What steps do I have to take to complete the LAMP?
 - A. The program has three components:
 1. Each student must have their undergraduate transcript evaluated, and may have to do a limited amount of content area course work to meet State Licensure requirements. (The program recognizes many of the courses completed in your first degree as counting in content area expertise.)
 2. Graduate courses that will lead to teacher preparation and licensure by the State.
 3. After State Licensure is completed, a limited number of additional Graduate courses will complete the Masters Degree.

3. Q. When can I begin the program?
 - A. Students must have their transcript evaluated to determine what content area courses are required, if any. The required content area courses must be completed prior to beginning the graduate professional education courses. Students may begin courses during any semester.

4. Q. How do I know which courses on my Undergraduate transcript will count toward State Licensure teaching requirement?
- A. Check sheets for each licensure area describe the courses required by the state. The Judith Herb College of Education will use these check sheets to formally review your transcripts and determine which courses you will receive credit for and which courses you will need to complete.
5. Q. If I want to be a full time student, how long will it take to finish?
- A. The completion of the program depends on the undergraduate degree and the desired licensure area. The time lines are dependent upon satisfying content area requirements. The graduate course work can be completed in as little as three semesters for licensure. Additional course work after licensure is required to obtain the Graduate Degree.
6. Q. I only want to take one course at a time. Is this possible?
- A. During the early stages of the program, when you are enrolled in some content course, it is possible. When students begin taking Education courses, the program assumes they will take a minimum of 2-3 courses per term.
7. Q. When are the courses offered?
- A. Courses are offered throughout the day and evening. At least two courses have a field component that requires the student to be available during the day.
8. Q. I have worked for many years in parochial or private schools. Can I have my Field Experience waived?
- A. No. Students will gather data in Field Courses to help write academic papers in other courses. Therefore, no Field Courses can be waived.
9. Q. If I am currently teaching, and you will not waive Field Courses, is there any way I can remain employed and take your program?
- A. Maybe. Under certain circumstances your employer can request the College of Education to use your current teaching placement as the location of your fieldwork. This arrangement is at the discretion of your employer, the University, and other parties. You can learn more about this possibility by contacting the Field Experience Office.

10. Q. How difficult is the program? Can I work a part time job and study at the same time?
- A. The Graduate program in Education is a rigorous and demanding series of courses which will require your complete concentration. Successful students recommend working no more than a few hours per week, or they recommend delaying enrollment until adequate financial resources have been secured.
11. Q. What if I want to be a teacher, but do not want to earn the Graduate Degree?
- A. It is possible to complete State Licensure without completing the Graduate Degree. Typically, students who choose this option complete numbers 1, and 2 of the items listed in the answer to Question 2, but do not complete number 3.
12. Q. If I want to complete my Graduate Degree, how much study is required beyond State Licensure?
- A. Our program requires that you complete a thesis, seminar, or project beyond State Licensure to earn the Masters Degree. Candidates of the Graduate Degree must observe all requirements for the College of Graduate Studies.
13. Q. Is financial assistance available?
- A. In addition to government assistance, the University and College have a limited number of scholarships and graduate assistantships available. Applicants should obtain scholarship applications from the Judith Herb College of Education. Graduate assistant applications are available from the College of Graduate Studies.
14. Q. How can I find out more?
- A. To find out more you should:
- Research programs in teacher education to make sure our program will best suit your needs.
 - Read the University of Toledo catalog.
 - Request an evaluation of your transcripts.

15. Q. How do I enroll in the program?

A. Complete the “Application for Review of Coursework” and attach **official** undergraduate transcripts. NOTE: (International Students must submit transcripts that have been reviewed by an organization that specializes in foreign credential evaluation such as World Education Services). Mail the application and transcripts to the following address:

LAMP–Attention: Andrella Hernandez
Judith Herb College of Education
The University of Toledo
2801 W. Bancroft Street, MS# 914
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Review the formal evaluation of the content area courses included in your undergraduate degree against the content courses in the check sheet for licensure requirements. If you wish to begin the program, contact the Office of Student Services (419-530-2495) to schedule a meeting with the LAMP coordinator.

IMPORTANT: Students applying for LAMP must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 for all undergraduate course work and a minimum GPA of 2.7 for their content area course work. Students who do not meet the minimum cumulative GPA but meet the content GPA can be admitted after completing the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Submit your applications to College of Graduate Studies on-line.