

Applying to the M.Ed. Teacher Licensure Option (TLO)

Component	Requirement			Comments
Apply to NDSU Graduate School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ndsu.edu/apply 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In place of writing a “Statement of Purpose” as indicated on the Grad School website, use the following writing prompt instead: • Compose a 400-500 word original essay that explains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why do you want to be a licensed teacher? ○ Describe your prior experiences working with children and/or youth. ○ Explain how your prior experiences working with children and/or youth support your decision to apply to the TLO program
Cumulative GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA of 3.00 or higher 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative: GPA of at least 3.25 on most recent 30 undergraduate credit hours • Alternative: GPA of at least 3.0 on most recent graduate credits
Letters of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) references 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements for three (3) letters of recommendation are explained on the Graduate School website. You’ll provide contact information for 3 references, and the university will send a link to those 3 people.
Praxis Core Academic Skills Test Scores ---OR---	Reading: 156 Writing: 160 Math: 150	or	The 3 scores add up to 466 with no single score more than 7 points below passing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the Praxis at: https://www.ets.org/praxis • When registering, select “ND EDUC STDS & PRACTICES BRD” as certifying state agency • When registering, select NDSU as a score recipient • You can register to take the 3 tests separately: Reading (5713), Writing (5723) and Math (5733), or can register for the Combined Test (5752) which costs less. • If you register for the Combined Test (5752), your scores will still be reported by individual test (5713, 5723, 5733)
ACT with Writing Test Scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composite score: 22 or higher • Mathematics score: 21 or higher • English Language Arts (ELA) score: 21 or higher 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA score is not the English score, but rather is a combination of English, Reading, and Writing scores. • For an ELA score, it’s necessary to take the <i>ACT with Writing</i> test • When applying for admission, an unofficial score report or a screenshot of your ACT scores with your name & scores will suffice (see below) • When applying to the ND state agency for teacher licensure closer to graduation, an official ACT score report will be necessary
20 Hours Experience Working with Youth	Required forms: 1. “Field Experience Verification-Student” 2. “Field Experience Verification-Supervisor”			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours completed within 24 last months. • Must be completed with children/youth of age you’ll be licensing to teach • “FE Verification-Student” form provides specifics about hours • “FE Verification-Supervisor” form provides evaluation of performance

In addition to completing an application through the NDSU Graduate School, send the following to ndsueteducation@ndsuet.edu

(1) “Field Experience Verification – Student” --- Fill out this form and email it to the address above.

(2) “Field Experience Verification – Supervisor” --- Arrange to have your supervisor fill out this form and email it the address above.

(3) If using ACT scores, provide ONE of the following:

a. Unofficial ACT score report (i.e. Copy of formal report sent to you, not sent directly to NDSU)

OR

b. Screenshot of your scores from the ACT website that shows your name and Composite, Math, and ELA scores:

