Teacher Education Progress Process (TEPP)

Post-Baccalaureate

Level One

Post-Baccalaureate Application for Candidacy in Teacher Education

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To apply successfully you must have the following:

- A minimum of 48 earned credits toward your Teacher Education Program (You should apply before you earn 60 credits.)

- A 3.0 cumulative GPA in education coursework and content coursework

- Act 34/Act 151 Clearances (must be renewed annually)

- Act 114 FBI Fingerprinting (must be continuously enrolled at RMU to remain valid)

- Two faculty recommendations (RMU Faculty Recommendation for Candidacy Status. Forms are available in the Teacher Education Office and on the SESS website)

- Completion of Application for Admission to Candidacy Form and submission to your Program Coordinator:
    - ✓ Dr. Richard Fuller – BCIT K-12
    - ✓ Dr. Soren Fanning – Social Studies 7-12
    - ✓ Dr. Matt Maurer – Biology 7-12
    - ✓ Dr. Carianne Bernadowski – English 7-12
    - ✓ Dr. Carianne Bernadowski – English/Communication 7-12
    - ✓ Dr. Greg Holdan – Mathematics 7-12
    - ✓ Dr. Dan Shelley – Early Childhood PreK-4

Note: As a post-baccalaureate student, you might need to apply for candidacy as early as your first or second semester of coursework at RMU.

You may proceed into teacher certification coursework and your pre-student teaching professional experience with Level One candidacy.

Level Two
Post-Bacc Application for Pre-Student Teaching/Student Teaching

You must have:

- Attained candidacy

- A 3.0 cumulative GPA

- Taken the PRAXIS II or PECT Exam(s) exam prior to the start of student teaching

- Renewed Act 34/Act 151 Clearances

- Taken a TB Test

- Acknowledgement that Proof of Liability Insurance must be presented to the Teacher Education Office two weeks before student teaching orientation. PSEA membership, membership in the student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, or Private Insurance (must have a minimum of $1,000,000 per claim and an aggregate of $3,000,000 per occurrence if obtained via private insurance)

- Before Student Teaching, completed all methods courses, pre-student teaching, and required content-area courses

- Completed the Student Teaching Application with Program Coordinator Signature

You will be placed at a site for Student Teaching **and will be permitted to register for Student Teaching with Level Two completion.**

Level 3
Application for Certification

- Successful completion of Level 2

- Successful completion of PRAXIS II or PECT Exams

- Successful completion of student teaching with a "pass" grade

- Successful completion of the student teaching seminar course

- 3.0 cumulative GPA

- Successful completion of the Teacher Work Sample with a "pass" grade

- Successful completion of an e-portfolio with a "pass" grade

- Completed application for RMU graduation

- Completed electronic TIMS application for teacher certification through PDE

- Sign-off and recommendation of the RMU Teacher Certification Officer

University recommendation to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for teacher certification **will be made with Level Three completion.**