UB TEACH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is UB Teach?

A: UB Teach is an accelerated, combined degree program that allows you to earn two degrees within five years: a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Education degree.

Q: What Disciplines are available and are others coming?

A: Currently there are seventeen UB TEACH programs. For a complete list and to stay up to date as programs are added, visit the <u>UB Teach webpage</u>.

Q: What grade levels will I be certified to teach?

A: The grade levels you will be certified to teach vary by the program you have applied to. The early childhood/childhood concentrations allow you to teach birth through grade 6 (preschool - elementary school). Adolescent subject areas are certified to teach in middle and high school. ESOL and Library science are all grades certifications allowing you to teach in elementary, middle, and high school.

Q: How do I apply?

A: UB accepts the Coalition application and the Common Application (freshmen only) or SUNY application (freshman and transfer). Read the <u>How to Apply</u> section for detailed instructions.

Q: Is financial aid available?

A: If you need help financing your education, you can apply for financial aid by filling out a <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online. The FAFSA is an application that collects the information needed to determine your eligibility for all of the financial aid programs sponsored by the federal government. For detailed information about financial aid, visit the <u>financial aid website</u>.

Q: What are the course sequences?

A: In years one through three you will complete your content area coursework in the college of arts and sciences and your entry level education courses. In years four and five you will take graduate level coursework in your discipline as well the graduate level education courses.

Q: Since it is a combined program, will I earn a combined degree?

A: Even though you will be completing a combined degree program, you will earn two separate degrees. You earn the Bachelor of Arts degree after year four and the Master of Education degree after year five.

Q: Do I need to apply to move into the graduate portion of the program?

A: No, you will not need to apply to move into the graduate portion of the program. Your initial acceptance as an undergraduate at the University at Buffalo allows you seamless transition into the graduate portion in years 4 and 5.

Q: What are the academic requirements to progress into the graduate portion of the program?

A: You will need to maintain a 3.0 GPA in year three to move into years four and five of the graduate portion.

Q: Is the GRE required?

A: No, the GRE is not required.

Q: Are there additional requirements?

A: Yes, during year three you will need to interview with the Office of Educator Preparation to move into year four.

Q: When will I do my student teaching?

A: You will complete your student teaching in year five from September through June.

Q: Will I select my student teaching location?

A: No, you will not select your student teaching placement location. We will assign you to a school and teacher that best meets your academic and professional goals with one of our partnering WNY districts.

Q: Can I enroll in a minor while enrolled in one of the seven UB TEACH program?

A: No, UB Teach students do not have room in their schedule to pick up a minor.