

# Commonly Used Terms in the Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Programs

## Post Baccalaureate Student

This term is commonly used in the School of Education for students with an undergraduate degree who are returning to school to obtain a teaching certification. Post Baccalaureate students pursuing only a teaching certification are classified as undergraduate students and pay undergraduate tuition.

## Cohort

The Middle Childhood through Early Adolescence, Science, and Mathematics programs use a cohort model for moving students through the program. Once admitted, students move through the program as a group and typically complete the program at the same time. You have a “seat” reserved in the Curriculum and Instruction cohort classes.

## Faculty Advisor

When you are admitted to the program, you will be assigned a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor is an expert in your field of study. The role of the faculty advisor is to discuss course content and assist with your portfolio development and answer questions about the profession of teaching.

## Academic Advisor

When you are admitted, you are assigned an academic advisor. Your academic advisor is an expert in university policies and procedures, program and certification requirements, and campus resources.

## Certification Summary

The certification summary lists all the requirements for obtaining your teaching certification. Some of these requirements may have been met by previous course work or experiences. Once you have met all the requirements listed on your certification summary, you will be eligible to submit an application for your teaching license.

## Master’s Degree

Many of our programs offer the option of obtaining your Master’s degree while also pursuing your teaching certification. If you are interested in pursuing this option, you should meet with a faculty advisor to discuss the application process and requirements for obtaining your master’s degree. The process for admission to the graduate program can take several months. For this reason, this option should be considered a full semester prior to the semester you would like to be admitted.