

# GTEP Requirements

## What is GTEP?

GTEP Stands for Graduate Teacher Education Program. This is the program that students must complete to become certified to teach in the public schools of Oregon after they have gotten an undergraduate degree (BS, BA, or BM). It is a 4 - term program that begins either in the current summer or the spring. You must apply and be accepted. Currently 100% of graduates find jobs.

## What do I do as an undergraduate?

- Meet with your advisor! Your advisor is: Debbie Glaze.
- Phone (503) 725- 3155; email: [glazed@pdx.edu](mailto:glazed@pdx.edu); Office LH 346
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Get some experience with children in a public school classroom. Get as much experience as you can, as you will need 3 letters of recommendation from people who have seen you work with children. (Debbie Glaze can give you names of teachers if you don't know where to start).
- Take PSY 311: Human Development and ED 420: Introduction to Education and Society (Note that PSY 311 is an option for the Family Studies Jr. Course Cluster).
- Complete 3 Practicums (Observation) in a music classroom. (see "What is a Practicum" for more details)
- Take the PRAXIS subject area tests #10113, 20112 and CBEST or PPST test in your junior and senior years.

## What is a Practicum?

A practicum is simply time spent observing in a classroom.

Practicums are taken along with these specific classes:

- Intro to Musical Careers – 10 hours of observation. You must register for the practicum at the same time as you register for the class.
- Music with Children – 10 hours of observation. You must register for the practicum at the same time as you register for the class.
- Intro to Ed and Society – 30 hours of observation. The practicum is included in your registration for the course. Be sure to do this practicum in a MUSIC CLASSROOM. See Debbie Glaze for more information.

In Oregon, grade levels are set up by authorization levels.

- Early childhood: age 3 to grade 4
- Elementary: Grades K-8
- Middle: Grades 5 -10
- High school: Grades 7-12

Currently, teachers can become certified to teach in two adjacent authorization levels. For example, if you did your student teaching in elementary school, you would be certified in Early Childhood and Elementary, and would be able to teach age 3 (Preschool) to grade 8. Music teachers have the ability to become certified k -12 through the PSU program. To do this, you do the majority of the student teaching in your primary authorization area, with a 90-hour placement in the secondary authorization area embedded in the student teaching experience.

- All Practicums need to be in a MUSIC classroom.
- They must be in an Oregon public school.
- For all 3 practicums, you will write up your observations, which will be kept on file.

## Student Teaching

- You will student teach as part of the GTEP program.
- Student Teaching consists of one term of observation, on term of ½ time student teaching, and one term of full time student teaching.
- Debbie Glaze is the supervisor for those student teaching in General music and Choir. Instrumental students will be assigned a supervisor from the instrumental faculty.
- Your placement will be determined in a collaborative process with Debbie Glaze, the school of Ed. and yourself.
- Student teaching must occur in a public school.
- You will go through the GTEP program with a “cohort” of 30 other student teachers who take classes together and act as a learning team and support system for one another.

## Where do I get more information?

- The School of Education has brochures with detailed information about the GTEP program.
- GTEP has weekly advising sessions for student considering becoming teachers. These change each term; Call 503-725-4619 for the current schedule.