



INITIAL CERTIFICATION (UG) GATES MATRIX

Step	Gate Status	Requirements				Action Needed before next step	Main Focus
		Standing	Credits	GPA	Field Experience		
1	Ship Status	Freshman	0-29	≥ 2.80	Stages I & II: Observation & Exploration	Check with OPPEO re Clearances	Obtain a GPA of at least 2.80
2	Foundational Status	Sophomore	30-59	≥ 2.80	Stages I & II: Observation & Exploration	Submit Formal Admission Form to TPP	Familiarize yourself with the Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach (OPPEO). This office will be your touch point for ALL Field Experiences, which are required to become a licensed teacher.
3	Candidacy Status	Junior	60-89	≥ 3.00	Stage III: Pre-Student Teaching	Apply for Student Teaching	Plan on taking a certification test (PECT and/or Praxis). To become a teacher in PA various certification tests are required, depending on your program of study. At least one attempt at a test must be made prior to student teaching.
4	Clinical Status	Senior	90+	≥ 3.00	Stage IV: Student Teaching	Apply for Graduation	Student Teaching is a 9-15 credit full-time, 16-week immersion experience. Remember, you are an ambassador of the Teacher Education Department at Shippensburg University. Your professionalism and performance will not only represent your skills and abilities, but also attest to the quality of the University which you represent.
5	Certification Status	Alumnus	120+	≥ 3.00	Teaching	Submit Certification Application via TIMS	In addition to completing (and passing) all required certification tests, you will need to apply for your teaching licensure via TIMS (Teacher Information Management System). Applications should not be filed until the first day of the month of your graduation.



ADVANCED CERTIFICATION (GR) GATES MATRIX

Step	Gate Status	Requirements					Action Needed before next step	Main Focus
		Standing	Credits	GPA	Field Experience			
1	Ship Status	Graduate	Bachelor's Degree	≥ 3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2	Foundational Status	Graduate	3+	≥ 3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	Candidacy Status	Graduate	Ongoing	≥ 3.00	N/A	Apply for Student Teaching	Plan on taking a certification test (PECT and/or Praxis). To become a teacher in PA various certification tests are required, depending on your program of study. At least one attempt at a test must be made prior to student teaching.	
4	Clinical Status	Graduate	Ongoing	≥ 3.00	Stage IV: Student Teaching	N/A	Student Teaching is a 9-15 credit full-time, 16-week immersion experience. Remember, you are an ambassador of the Teacher Education Department at Shippensburg University. Your professionalism and performance will not only represent your skills and abilities, but also attest to the quality of the University which you represent.	
5	Certification Status	Graduate	Program Completion (degree or post bacc)	≥ 3.00	Teaching	Submit Certification Application via TIMS	In addition to completing (and passing) all required certification tests, you will need to apply for your teaching licensure via TIMS (Teacher Information Management System). Applications should not be filed until the first day of the month of your graduation.	