

## Prospective Major Form

Thank you for choosing the IDS-TP program. Please read the following information carefully; you will have the opportunity to review it with your advisor. Once you understand each statement, please initial the box beside it, and then sign and date the form. This copy will be kept in your academic file and a copy of it is provided in your Teacher Candidate Handbook.

- I understand that I am responsible for all Old Dominion University catalog information and requirements. My catalog year is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I understand that I am responsible for all Old Dominion University Guide to Enrollment information and requirements. This guide is updated and published online each term at <http://www.odu.edu/ao/registrar>
- I acknowledge receipt of the Teacher Candidate Handbook and understand that I am responsible for all information contained in the handbook.
- I understand that my undergraduate degree is a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Teacher Preparation from the College of Arts & Letters. I also understand that the major is not printed on the diploma when I graduate.

If you are pursuing the Primary/Elementary, Early Childhood, Elementary Education, or Special Education 4+1 (prior to the fall 2009 catalog) programs, please read and initial beside the statements in the white box below.

- If I have selected the Primary/Elementary, Early Childhood, Elementary Education, or Special Education emphasis area, I understand that teaching licensure is not earned with the completion of the bachelor's degree prior to the fall 2009 catalog. The fifth year M.S.Ed. includes required student teaching and additional methods courses to complete Early Childhood (PK-3), Elementary (PK-6), Primary/Elementary, and/or Special Education (K-12) teacher licensure (prior to fall 2009). Teacher candidates are advised in the Darden College of Education for graduate programs unless I am pursuing the BS with licensure in Special Education, General Curriculum, K-12 (effective fall 2009).
- I understand that I am enrolling in the undergraduate portion of the 4+1 program in which teacher licensure is achieved with the completion of the fifth year M.S.Ed degree. The Bachelor of Science degree includes all the subject content and many of the instructional strategies requirements for licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia and most of the United States. HOWEVER the fifth year graduate program will provide me with the additional coursework and student teaching I need to be considered a "state approved program completer."
- I understand that upon the completion of the bachelor's degree, I must apply for admission and be accepted into the Darden College of Education to complete the requirements for licensure for those programs considered to be a 4+1.

If you are pursuing the Special Education BS with licensure programs (effective fall 2009), please read and initial beside the statements in the gray box below.

- Effective fall 2009, if I have selected one of the Special Education Emphasis areas, I will receive a license to teach Special Education, General Curriculum, K-12, with my BS degree.
- If I have chosen one of the Special Education emphasis areas effective with the fall 2009 catalog, I understand that I must receive passing scores on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment, Virginia Reading Assessment, and Praxis II prior to being eligible for student teaching.

All Students must read and initial all remaining statements.

- I understand that I will be advised as a PROSPECTIVE MAJOR until I am meeting ALL program requirements INCLUDING: (1) the minimum GPA required for my catalog year, (2) the minimum grades required for my catalog year, and (3) the PRAXIS I requirement.
- I understand that although I can continue in this program as a Prospective Major, I will be doing so *at my own risk* as I will not be eligible to declare, complete, or earn this degree until I am meeting ALL program requirements.

I understand the minimum GPA required for my catalog year for declaration, continuance, and graduation. 2002-2004 catalog = 2.75; 2004-2006, 2006-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 catalogs = 2.80. PROSPECTIVE MAJORS will not be declared until they meet this requirement. DECLARED MAJORS who have GPA's below the minimum requirement for two or more consecutive semesters will be un-declared and assigned prospective major status; such students may re-declare when they achieve the required GPA. Prospective majors who have their overall GPA fall below a 2.0 will be subject to the undergraduate continuance policy found at <http://uc.odu.edu/continuance>

I understand that I must achieve the minimum grade required for my catalog year in all courses required for state licensure.  
2002-2004 catalog

- If I earn any grade below a "C", it is *desirable* to retake the course for (a) competency, and (b) grade forgiveness. If I earn a grade below "C-" I **MUST RETAKE THE COURSE.**

2004-2006; 2006-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 catalogs

- If I earn any grade below "C", I **MUST RETAKE THE COURSE.**

I understand that effective fall 2009, I will be limited to a total of five (5) courses that may be used for grade forgiveness.

I understand I must meet the PRAXIS I requirement for this degree. Prospective majors must meet this requirement before they reach their 60th credit hour. Prospective majors who transfer with more than 60 credit hours must meet this requirement prior to completing their second semester in the program.

I understand that I must be accepted into the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teacher Education Program BEFORE completing my 60th credit hour in this program. If I transferred into ODU with more than 60 credit hours I must be accepted into the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teacher Education Program BEFORE completing my second semester in this program.

I understand that admission into the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teacher Education Program requires being a declared major, minimum overall GPA and minimum major GPA prescribed by my catalog year in major content area or professional education courses, and passing PRAXIS I scores or equivalent SAT or ACT scores in accordance to the Virginia Department of Education.

I understand that the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teacher Education Services and Advising office is located in room 152 of the Education Building (757-683-3348).

I understand that the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teacher Education Program regards registering for Practicum BEFORE being accepted into their program as a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and I may be subject to disciplinary action if I register for my Practicum course before I have been accepted to the Darden College of Education's Undergraduate Teaching Education Program.

I understand that I must meet with my IDS-TP advisor or site director every March and every October. I am expected to arrive to this appointment prepared and with both my curriculum sheet and Teacher Candidate Handbook. Thorough academic advising cannot be done via phone or e-mail. Teacher candidates should make appointments early to ensure removal of the advising block before pre-registration. Campus appointments last approximately 45 minutes and require a 24-hour cancellation notice. Campus teacher candidates who do not provide proper cancellation or who show up more than 10-minutes late for their appointments risk not being re-scheduled until after pre-registration.

I understand that activating and regularly checking my ODU e-mail account are required in this program. Important program information is regularly distributed via e-mail. E-mails sent from any account other than ODU may not be received and/or responded to.

I understand that Old Dominion University will not award my degree until I have earned at least 120 credit hours and meet all general education requirements and major department requirements. Additional requirements include: A passing score on the Exit Exam of Writing Proficiency, completion of the University's Senior Assessment, and completion of the Interdisciplinary Studies Department's Senior Exit Survey.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I understand all of the above and I agree to the requirements outlined for this degree.

Teacher Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_