

New Teacher Education Program FAQs

Will the changes affect me?

If you will begin Teacher Assisting after Fall 2009, you can choose which program you want to complete. (Traverse City and Special Education students should consult their advisors for further information.)

What are the advantages of the new program?

You can enter the program earlier, work with a wider range of students, and have more hands-on classroom experience.

Is there a disadvantage to staying in the old program?

Some courses will phase out and be replaced by the new equivalent. But the main consideration is whether you can finish Student Teaching by December 2012

Will the new program take longer?

The total credits remain the same (39). Use the "Which Program is Best for You?" chart to see how you could enter the new program if you choose. The chart also shows where to go for advice.

When will the new courses begin?

ED 315 and ED337 will begin Winter 2010—or you may be able to substitute former courses for them for a limited time only.

What if I have taken some prerequisite courses already?

Substitutions are available for students who want to use former courses in the new program, but keep in mind the December 2012 deadline.

Must my major be done before I enter either program?

Do I have to take back-to-back field semesters?

No to both questions - and the new program makes flexibility even easier. Your advisor can help with this. CLAS (C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585) COE: SISC (101 EC, 616-331-6650)