

Wartburg Teacher Education Program (TEP)

The Iowa Board of Education (BOEE) states that a teacher candidate seeking licensure in the state must be admitted into a college Teacher Education Program.

The Iowa Code also states the applicant must complete all Education Program requirements which include:

- Professional Dispositions
- Success with course required Field Experiences
- Success in all coursework

Admittance into the TEP is a Specified Requirement by the State that allows the college pre-service teacher to receive licensure to be able to teach in the State of Iowa.

While student teaching is the Capstone for the Teacher Education Program (TEP), being admitted is a sign that you are taking initial steps toward teacher licensure.

To be qualified for admittance into the Wartburg Teacher Education Program (TEP) you must:

- First have a 2.5 or higher GPA.
- Receive a C- or higher in the following Education Core Courses: ED 100/181, PSY 101, and EN 115.

After the above are met, the Education Department will contact you to schedule an interview. These interviews are only conducted twice per academic year. (Beginning of Fall and Winter terms.)

The Interview:

- Arrival on time
- Take it seriously
- Dress professionally
- Come prepared and well rested
- Use this interview to communicate to the Department your readiness to become a teacher
- Know your *why*?
- Ask thoughtful questions

This interview signifies the transition from introductory education coursework to the advanced phases of our program.

After all interviews are completed, the Education Department looks at each candidate and votes to accept or deny them into Wartburg's TEP. If you are denied, you may re-interview at a later date with guidelines and expectations. Denial could affect the courses you will be allowed to register for and may change your 4-year plan.

Please note that a student will be allowed to repeat the TEP interview once. If after two attempts of the interview the student has not met expectations, the student will not be allowed to pursue the Teacher Education Program at Wartburg College.