

Frequently Asked Questions about Pass/No Pass Grading For Teacher Education Program Students

The purpose of this FAQ document is to provide teacher education students (pre-admitted and in-stream) guidance in determining course-level designation of pass/no pass option during spring 2020.

If students have the required GPA for admission to teacher preparation or admission to clinical teaching, getting a pass/no pass this semester would not affect their progression through the program. If students do not have the required GPA, they may need letter grades to raise their GPA.

Also, for courses that require a C or better, selecting a Pass meets this requirement because letter grades of A, B, and C equal a Pass.

Questions

- **If I'm not in the teacher education program, does it matter if I select pass/no pass for my spring 2020 courses?**
 - No, as long as you meet the minimum 2.75 GPA requirement for admission.
- **If I receive a NP (no pass) on prerequisite courses to admission such as EDUC 1301 or EDFR 2301, UTCH 3301 will this have an impact on my admission?**
 - Yes. If you select a NP you will not receive credit for the course and will need to retake it prior to admission to teacher education. If you earn a D in one of these courses in spring 2020 it may be the better option to keep the letter grade as long as it does not lower your GPA below admission requirements.
- **I'm applying to the Teacher Education Program in the summer or fall 2020. What should I know before I decide?**
 - If you meet the minimum 2.75 GPA requirement for admission, selecting a Pass does not impact your admission.
- **I'm currently in the teacher education program taking education coursework. Can I elect to have pass/no pass?**
 - Yes. However, keep in mind that you must have a GPA of 2.5 overall on your degree plan and a 2.5 GPA in each area of your degree plan in order to be admitted to clinical teaching.
- **What if I have other questions?**

- No problem! Send an email to cep@utrgv.edu with a subject line of “Pass/No Pass” and we’ll follow up with you within one business day in most cases.