



Twin Cities Campus

DirecTrack to Teaching

Institute of Child Development, Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Psychology, Family Social Science, Kinesiology, School of, Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development, School of Social Work

College of Education and Human Development

- Program Type: Other
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 4
- This program is 8 terms (4 years) long.

Get on the path to teacher licensure as an undergraduate through DirecTrack to Teaching. The program gives undergraduates early exposure to the culture of teaching and schools. Enter the profession with confidence and competence.

Learn as part of a select group of future teachers from multiple disciplines.

Participate in guided experiences (observation, academic support, tutoring) with youth in classroom settings.

Focus on the subject area you want to teach.

Earn preferred admission status into the M.Ed/initial licensure program when certain benchmarks are met (but admission is not guaranteed).

DirecTrack to Teaching is not a stand-alone undergraduate major, and it does not lead to any particular baccalaureate degree. You will maintain your current University of Minnesota undergraduate college and major status (e.g., math major, history major, etc.) while pursuing the DirecTrack to Teaching program.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Currently enrolled University of Minnesota-Twin Cities undergraduate students with either second-term freshman status or second-term sophomore status may apply. Students who hold junior status and are interested applying to DirecTrack will be considered on a case by case basis. We are looking for exceptional students who hold promise as future educators. We want to see the following:

A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 overall (3.0 is preferred). A minimum 3.0 overall GPA is required for maintaining your status in the program.

Volunteer activities that show an interest in education. We look for candidates who have demonstrated their interest in teaching with activities and volunteer experiences related to children and youth.

Undergraduate transfer students from outside the University of Minnesota system who meet the above criteria are also eligible to apply.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Benchmark Minimums

You will be required to meet the following benchmarks to continue participating in the DirecTrack to Teaching program:

Achieve and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 throughout the program.

Maintain full-time student status and good academic standing in the major, and adequate progress toward graduation.

Take the two DirecTrack to Teaching courses (CI 3901 and CI 3902) during your time in the DirecTrack to Teaching program (two 2-credit course sequence: 4-credit total).

Take at least one education related course per academic year after admission to DirecTrack to Teaching.

Earn grades in DirecTrack to Teaching courses of B or higher.

Participate in at least two DirecTrack to Teaching professional development events per semester (when not enrolled in CI 3901, CI



3902 or an education related course).

Participate in the DirecTrack to Teaching learning community via the online networking site.

Complete at least 100 hours of service-learning experience through enrollment in Exploring the Teaching Profession coursework (CI 3901 and CI 3902) and on your own before graduating.

Preferred Coursework

You'll find it easiest to fulfill all your major and DirecTrack to Teaching requirements if you choose an undergraduate major that is directly related to your desired teaching field. Consult with your current college advisor, as well as with the initial licensure program advisor for your desired teaching area.

[CI 3901](#) - Exploring the Teaching Profession I (2.0 cr)

[CI 3902](#) - Exploring the Teaching Profession II (2.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Art Education

English Education

Mathematics Education

Science Education

Second Languages and Cultures

Social Studies Education

Special Education

Dance Education

Theatre Education