
Frequently Asked Questions About the B.A. to M.Ed. Program

What is a B.A. to M.Ed. Program for Elementary Education majors?

A B.A. to M.Ed. Program in Elementary Education is an uninterrupted enrollment plan that leads to both a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Elementary Education at High Point University within a total of five years. In a B.A. to M.Ed. Program, a student follows a prescribed five-year program plan of study, which requires uninterrupted enrollment and stipulates the courses that must be completed each term: fall and spring of the senior year; and summer, fall and spring immediately following spring completion of requirements for a bachelor's degree. The B.A. to M.Ed. Program at High Point University offers two areas of concentration for the candidate to choose from: **Literacy or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).**

The B.A. to M.Ed. program is also offered in Special Education or Educational Leadership.

How is the bachelor's degree program impacted by participation in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

The bachelor's program is impacted by the B.A. to M.Ed. Program in that undergraduate semester hours are replaced with the same number of graduate semester hours, which are completed during the senior year. These graduate semester hours are included in the undergraduate total that is required for graduation with a bachelor's degree.

Who is eligible to participate in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program in Elementary Education, Special Education or Educational Leadership?

A participant in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program may be a traditional day student currently enrolled in Elementary Education, Special Education, or other majors at HPU (for the M. Ed. in Educational Leadership).

What is the process to become a participant in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

During spring of the junior year, the School of Education seeks applications from its most academically qualified students who have high interest in the High Point University master's offered through the department.

What is the admission term for a student in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

Fall of the senior year is when a student takes the first course in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program.

Is there an advantage to participating in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

The typical two-year minimum time that is required to earn a master's degree is decreased to one year (12 months) from the date a student receives a bachelor's degree.

What are some academic and enrollment expectations for a student participating in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

- Complete prescribed courses in both the fall and spring of the senior year.
- Apply for admission to Norcross Graduate School at High Point University during spring semester of your senior year
- Qualify for graduate admission.
- Begin graduate enrollment the summer immediately after spring graduation for a bachelor's degree.
- Enroll and complete specified courses according to a prearranged schedule.
- Maintain uninterrupted enrollment to the master's degree.

Does taking classes in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program give a student graduate admission status?

Taking classes in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program **does not** equate to graduate admission. A senior taking the classes remains an undergraduate student.

Who selects the students to participate in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

The School of Education selects the participants.

When do students in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program begin to take classes that, later, may be used toward a master's degree?

The students take classes in the fall and in the spring of the senior year.

What are the minimum eligibility requirements for participating in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

- Full-time senior in Elementary Education or Special Education at High Point University, or other major appropriate for the master's Educational Leadership.
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher
- High interest in earning a master's degree in Elementary Education, Special Education, or Educational Leadership
- Completion of bachelor's degree requirements during a spring semester for graduation in May

What is the maximum number of hours that can be taken in the senior year of the B.A. to M.Ed. Program and later credited toward a master's degree?

The maximum number is eleven (includes a 2 credit elective for the Literacy Concentration).

What is the minimum number of hours that can be taken in the senior year of the B.A. to M.Ed. Program and later credited toward a master's degree?

The minimum number is nine.

Do participants in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program have elective freedom in choosing the courses that may, later, be used toward a master's degree?

Students in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program follow a prescribed plan of study. They must follow a schedule of defined courses in the fall of the senior year, in the spring of the senior year and in the summer, fall and spring immediately after receiving a bachelor's degree.

What standard is applied to the graduate work of seniors in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

The seniors are expected to do graduate quality work in graduate classes. There is no reduction in class requirements, which are evaluated using the graduate grading system: A (4 quality points), B (3 quality points), C (2 quality points), and F (0 quality points). There is no plus (+) or minus (-) grading. Grades of A or B are the only acceptable graduate grades.

How does a student become ineligible to continue in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

A student becomes ineligible to continue in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program for any one of these reasons:

- a grade less than B is earned in a graduate course in the Fall of the senior year
- a grade of less than B is earned in a graduate course in the Spring of the senior year
- enrollment in grade courses is not completed as prescribed in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program Plan of Study
- voluntary withdrawal from the B.A. to M.Ed. Program
- the bachelor's degree GPA is less than 3.0

Who monitors a student's academic performance in a class that, later, may be used toward a master's degree?

The School of Education monitors a student's academic performance. When ineligibility occurs, the Dean of the School of Education sends a letter of ineligibility to continue in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program to the student with copies to the Registrar and to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Can a student who becomes ineligible to participate in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program apply for regular admission to the same graduate program?

A student who becomes ineligible to participate in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program forfeits the opportunity to apply for regular admission to the same graduate program.

Can a senior voluntarily withdraw from the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

A senior may withdraw at any time from the B.A. to M.Ed. Program by informing the Dean of the School of Education in writing. The Dean of the School of Education sends one copy of the student's notification of withdrawal to the Registrar and the Dean of the Graduate School. If a senior voluntarily withdraws, this may delay completion of the undergraduate degree.

Can a student who voluntarily withdraws from the B.A. to M.Ed. Program apply for regular admission to the same graduate program?

A student who voluntarily withdraws from the B.A. to M.Ed. Program may apply for regular admission to the graduate program in Elementary Education. The reenrollment must occur within one calendar year of the date of withdrawal.

How does a student receive credit for courses completed in the senior year in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program? Appropriate work earns graduate credits only when the student completes the prescribed B.A. to M.Ed. Program of Study and files for master's degree graduation. Prior to filing for master's degree graduation, the credits are not part of the student's graduate academic record.

Enrollment for a Master's Degree

How does a student in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program become a graduate student?

In the spring term of the senior year, the student applies for summer admission to the Norcross Graduate School at High Point University.

Is there an application fee when applying for graduate admission to continue in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

There will be a graduate application fee of \$50.

Is graduate admission guaranteed for a student who participates in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

Graduate admission **is not** guaranteed. Requirements for transitioning into graduate student status include:

- application for graduate admission;
- Completion of baccalaureate requirements in the spring of the senior year with the bachelor's degree awarded in May;
- grade of A or B in each of the graduate classes required during the senior year; and
- a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the bachelor's degree

Can a student in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program delay the start of graduate admission?

The B.A. to M.Ed. Program is designed to continue immediately upon completion of the bachelor's degree in May. If a student is unable to adhere to this schedule, an appeal for a waiver must be made to the Dean of the School of Education.

Can a student in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program receive an extension of time to complete master's degree requirements?

A student in the B.A. to M.Ed. program is expected to complete master's degree requirements within one calendar year after completing the bachelor's degree. If a student is unable to adhere to this schedule, an appeal for a waiver must be made to the Dean of the School of Education.

What is the deadline for receiving a master's degree in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

A student in the B.A. to M.Ed. program must complete all requirements for a master's degree within one calendar year (12 months) from the completion of the bachelor's degree requirements. If a student is unable to adhere to this schedule, an appeal for a waiver must be made to the Dean of the School of Education.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Will financial aid cover the graduate courses taken by a senior in a B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

If a senior is eligible for financial aid, the senior will continue to be eligible if taking classes that may later be used for the master's degree.

Are scholarships available?

The School of Education does provide a limited amount of scholarship money for qualified applicants. Scholarship applications are posted on the School of Education website.

TUITION

What is the charge for graduate courses taken in the senior year?

Undergraduate tuition will be charged for all classes taken during the senior year.

HOUSING

Will on-campus housing be provided while completing the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?

Since graduate classes are offered in the late afternoon, it is assumed that most students, upon completion of the bachelor's degree, will seek full-time employment and reside off-campus. However, limited on-campus housing may be available.