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## **Admissions Criteria for the B.A. to M.Ed. Program**

### **Who is eligible to participate in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program?**

A participant in the B.A. to M.Ed. Program may be a traditional HPU day student enrolled in Elementary Education, Special Education, or other major appropriate to a master's 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.

### **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.

### **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 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

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## **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