



DePaul University Office of Financial Aid at DePaul Central Financial Aid Options for College of Education (COE) Non-Degree Graduate Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs	
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Frequently Asked Questions about Non-Degree Graduate Certificate Programs

I wish to take a graduate non-degree post-baccalaureate program offered through the College of Education. Is there federal financial aid available?

Yes, there is federal financial aid available for most programs. The type of financial aid and the amount of financial aid available depends on the type of certificate you are pursuing. Detailed information is available on the next page of this information sheet, and an overview is provided below:

- The College of Education offers four non-degree post-baccalaureate graduate certificate programs that are approved by the U.S. Department of Education as [Gainful Employment](#) programs. These programs are eligible for full graduate level funding. You can see these programs in Section 1 in the chart on the next page.
- The College of Education also offers a number of non-degree post-baccalaureate graduate certificate programs that qualify for federal funding as teacher preparation programs. As such, they are treated as fifth year undergraduate programs for purposes of federal financial aid loan limits and dependency. You can see these programs detailed in the Section 2 of the chart on the next page. If you plan to apply for financial aid for one of the programs in Section 2 of the chart, you need to complete the FAFSA as an undergraduate student. (See the directions in the chart.)

If I enroll in a non-degree post-baccalaureate graduate teaching certificate program, should I complete the FAFSA as a graduate student or an undergraduate student?

If you are taking one of the non-degree post-baccalaureate graduate teaching certificate programs described in Section 2 in the chart on the next page, you should complete your FAFSA as an undergraduate student, following the FAFSA-completion directions in the chart. You will be eligible for the fifth-year undergraduate loan levels explained in the chart, provided you meet all other federal eligibility requirements.

I am currently enrolled as a graduate degree-seeking student in the College of Education. May I receive financial aid as a graduate student for my teacher preparation certification or licensure certification coursework?

If the licensure or teacher certification coursework is embedded as part of your master's degree program, you can pursue your master's degree and your graduate-level teacher certification or licensure coursework simultaneously, and receive graduate-level funding.

If your licensure or teacher certification coursework is not embedded as part of your master's degree program, you must complete your master's degree, and then enroll in the non-degree graduate certificate. You may not pursue both programs simultaneously. Your financial aid eligibility as a non-degree graduate certificate student will be determined in accordance with the chart on the next page.

For more information on embedded graduate certificate coursework in the Master's program, please contact your graduate advisor in the College of Education.

Please see additional information on the next page.

COE Graduate Non-Degree Post-Baccalaureate programs approved for federal financial aid as <u>Gainful Employment</u> programs		
Certificate Program	Financial aid for which you may qualify	How to complete the FAFSA questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle Licensure • Principal Licensure with Concentration in Catholic Leadership • School Counselor Licensure • Teacher Leader Endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate-level Direct Unsubsidized Loan, up to \$20,500 annually, based on eligibility. Graduate lifetime limits apply • Direct Grad PLUS, based on eligibility • All other types of institutional, state, federal or private loans for which you qualify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Question 29: When you begin the 2016-17 school year, what will be your grade level? Answer: Graduate • FAFSA Question 30: When you begin the 2016-17 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on? Answer: Certificate/Diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 years) • FAFSA Question 48: At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program? Answer: Yes
COE Graduate Non-Degree Post-Baccalaureate teaching certificate programs treated as fifth year undergraduate programs for purposes of federal financial aid loan limits and dependency		
Teaching Certificate Program	Financial aid for which you may qualify	How to complete the FAFSA questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual Education (BE) Endorsement • Bilingual Education/ESL Endorsement Only • Early Childhood Bilingual Education/ESL Endorse. • Early Childhood Licensure • Elementary Education Licensure • English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement • Reading Specialist (K-12) Endorsement • Reading Teacher Endorsement • Secondary Education Licensure - Biology • Secondary Education Licensure - Chemistry • Secondary Education Licensure - English • Secondary Education Licensure – Environ. Sci. • Secondary Education Licensure - History • Secondary Education Licensure - Math • Secondary Education Licensure - Physics • Secondary Education Licensure - Social Science • Secondary Education Licensure - Visual Art • Special Education for Teachers (LBS1 K-21) • Special Education for Teachers (LBS1): Endorse. • Subsequent Teaching Endorsement • World Language Education Licensure- Arabic • World Language Education Licensure- Chinese • World Language Education Licensure- French • World Language Education Licensure German • World Language Education Licensure- Italian • World Language Education Licensure- Japanese • World Language Education Licensure- Latin • World Language Education Licensure– Russian • World Language Education Licensure - Spanish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans at the 5th Year undergraduate level, as follows: --Dependent Students: \$5500; undergraduate lifetime limits apply --Independent Students or those whose parents cannot obtain the Parent PLUS Loan: \$12,500; undergraduate lifetime limits apply • Federal Parent PLUS Loan, for dependent students • All other types of institutional, state, federal or private loans for which you qualify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAFSA Question 29: When you begin the 2016-17 school year, what will be your grade level? Answer: 5th Year Undergraduate • FAFSA Question 30: When you begin the 2016-17 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on? Answer: Teaching Credential Non-degree • FAFSA Question 48: At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program? Answer: No