

# Transfer Student Guide: Pima Community College

## Mild to Moderate Disabilities ▶▶▶

### ADMISSIONS

The University of Arizona requires a Professional Admissions application to earn entry into the College of Education's professional teacher preparation majors. The application should be completed while applying for transfer admission to the university or students may transfer as a pre-mild to moderate disabilities major student and apply for professional admission in a future semester.

### IN ADDITION TO COMPLETION OF THE AGEC-A OR AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE, THE FOLLOWING PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES ARE REQUIRED FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION:

Pima Community College courses	Completion status at time of application	University of Arizona courses
<b>MAT 141</b> or <b>MATH 142</b> : Foundational Math	Must be in progress*	<b>MATH 105, 106</b> (preferred), or <b>107</b>
<u>Math for Teachers Sequence:</u> <b>1. MAT 146</b> : Math for Elementary Teachers <b>2. MAT 147</b> : Math for Elementary Teachers	Preferred: completed/enrolled at PCC prior to beginning the program. Permitted: MATH 302B during professional program	<u>Math for Teachers Sequence:</u> <b>1. MATH 302A</b> : Understanding Elementary Math I <b>2. MATH 302B</b> : Understanding Elementary Math II
<b>POS 210</b> : US & AZ Constitution	Preferred: completed at PCC. Permitted: completed at UA during professional program	<b>POL 210</b> : US & AZ Constitution
<b>ECE 117</b> : Child Growth & Development		<b>EDP 301</b> : Educational Psychology and Child & Adolescent Development
<b>EDU 202</b> : Intro to Exceptional Learner		<b>SERP 400</b> : Survey of Exceptional Students
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester proficiency Second Language</b> Choice of combination of CLEP exam, AP credit, or course completion through 202 **must be one single language	Minimum: 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester must be completed	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> semester proficiency Second Language</b> Choice of combination of CLEP exam, AP credit, or course completion through 102 **must be one single language

\*Fall admission requires foundational math must be completed in spring with a grade of C or higher.

Visit [coe.arizona.edu/future\\_students/transfer](https://coe.arizona.edu/future_students/transfer) to learn more.

Identify your UA COE major advisor at [coe.arizona.edu/advisors](https://coe.arizona.edu/advisors) or 520-621-7865.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising. This is not intended for current University of Arizona students. Please see an advisor to discuss any non-UA coursework. Program requirements are subject to change.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**College of Education**

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

The Professional Admission application is used to ensure all eligible students meet coursework requirements by the application deadline. To be a qualified applicant, students should focus on strong overall academic performance and volunteer work within the grade level and environment they intend to teach. **Applications are due the second Friday of February by 4 p.m.** to begin the program in the following fall semester.\*

*Planning on earning your master's degree in special education?* Speak with your UA COE advisor about the Special Education Accelerated Master's Program by the January of your junior year.

### PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:

#### Grade Point Average

Program applicants are required to demonstrate a strong GPA (minimum 2.5; 3.0 preferred), but all applicants are considered and reviewed holistically and on a case-by-case basis. Demonstrating a GPA below 2.5 does not necessarily indicate ineligibility for the program; speak with a UA COE advisor to learn more.

#### Foundation Coursework

Students should be approaching junior standing (60 units) by the end of the semester in which they are applying. AGEC or its equivalent should be completed and includes the following completed coursework:

- ▶ WRT 101 and WRT 102
- ▶ 2nd semester of second language

Applicants should complete the following courses prior to application. If these courses remain in progress during the time of application, students may be admitted conditionally pending completion of this course with a grade of C or higher.

- ▶ MAT 141 or 142: Foundational math

#### Experience & Recommendations

Applicants must provide one recommendation form documenting 60 hours of experience with exceptional education students in public schools, grades K-12. The form can be found at [tinyurl.com/UACOERecForm](https://tinyurl.com/UACOERecForm).

Additionally, applicants need two original, professional letters of recommendation on the affiliated organization's letterhead.

#### Fingerprint Clearance Requirement

Applicants must provide a copy (front and back) of their Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card at the time of admission. If you do not have this card, visit [azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint](https://azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint).

#### Essay

Describe your experience working with children and/or youth in educational settings that serve young people and explain why you want to work in your chosen profession. This should be a 500-750 word essay that outlines some of the work you have performed with children, including activities you have participated in or directed. It should summarize your overall experience and motivations for your intended profession in teaching students with special needs.

*(Optional) Additional Essay\*\*:* If your GPA is below the required 2.50 and/or you are missing any application requirements, please prepare an additional essay addressing the circumstances that have affected your GPA/ability to complete all application requirements by the deadline. *\*Ask your UA COE advisor if you are unsure about completing this essay.*

#### Maintain Good Academic Standing

Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona and be in good academic standing (UA GPA of 2.0 or higher) at the beginning of the semester in which they intend to begin their upper-division courses.

\*Late application available in May for fall admittance. Please consult with a UA College of Education advisor.