

## Contingency Admission to ATP

Students apply for admission to the ATP as part of Education 475, and may receive a contingency admission for the semester before graduation if they meet the following requirements:

1. Satisfactory completion of Education 475 with a grade of B- or better;
2. Successful instructor teaching evaluation in Education 475;
3. Acceptable to exemplary rating on ATP Competencies;
4. Overall GPA of at least 2.75 and teaching field GPA of 2.75;
5. SAT, ACT-acceptable score as defined by ATP
6. Successful teaching evaluations and coursework in undergraduate education sequence (EDUC 225, 351 & 475);
7. Three recommendations generally including at least one Austin College faculty member in the student's major or certification field and a recommendation from an ATP faculty member with whom they have worked;
8. Proof of oral proficiency; Interview scored by rubric with cut score;
9. Completion of the Austin College writing, quantitative, and foreign language competencies;
10. If the GPA is lower than 2.75, candidates can provide documentation of expertise through providing 2 letters of support from faculty in their certification field or a field that closely supports their teaching field. These appeal documents should be submitted along with the application.
11. Applications will generally not be considered for cumulative or content GPAs below 2.5
12. Once the BA is conferred, requirements will be checked again, and if all are successfully met full admission is granted.

**Note:** All decisions of the ATP Faculty Advisory and Admission Committee are final.

Guidelines for program may be modified due to changes from TEA.

**Note:** Students may petition to take up to a maximum of three graduate courses prior to formal admission to the graduate program. Education 475 is a prerequisite to all graduate courses or instructor permission must be sought. Students must be in good academic and social standing, and their requests must be approved by their ATP advisor as well as the program chair.

### Provisional Admission to the Graduate Phase of the Austin Teacher Program

Although the ATP is a five-year program rather than a fifth-year program, it is possible for a qualified student who has a bachelor's degree from Austin College or another institution to apply to enter the ATP as a provisional graduate student, completing first the necessary undergraduate courses required either by Austin College or the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. Details concerning admission to the ATP through this route may be obtained from the ATP Office. Austin College is an initial certifying agency and cannot grant a MAT degree to anyone already holding any type of teaching certificate. Admitted individuals may be eligible to substitute experience and/or professional training directly related to the certificate being sought for part of the preparation requirements. The candidate must submit a letter to the director of the program who will then bring the matter before the Austin Teacher Program faculty. Final approval for waiver of requirements rests with that body.