



University of Central Florida

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Initial Counseling Presentation

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PLEASE NOTE

This presentation contains ESSENTIAL information you will need to make decisions about accepting a TEACH Grant. Please read in its entirety. Once you access the Agreement to Serve (ATS), you attest that you understand and agree to the contents of the information in this Initial Counseling Session.

Understanding TEACH Grants

- You must read the following information very carefully before you can access the grant application.
- This information is very important because it explains the financial responsibilities of the student once TEACH Grant funds are accepted.
- Before completing this presentation and signing the documents that follow, make sure if you have questions, you direct them to Dr. Caroline Pratt Marrett
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What are TEACH Grants?

- TEACH Grants are federally funded grants for graduate students in *eligible* master's degree programs.
- Goal: recruit highly qualified teachers into high need fields to teach in low income schools
- Available only through UCF College of Community Innovation and Education

Approximate Funding**

Fall/Spring:

Summer Credit Hours:

TEACHGrant funding is subject to change depending on available funds

Eligible Programs

- Exceptional Education (M.A., M.Ed.)
- K-8 Mathematics and Science Education (M.Ed.)
- Mathematics Education (MAT Initial Certification)
- Reading Education (M.Ed.)
- Science Education (MAT Initial Certification)

Eligible Programs (cont.)

- Science Education M.A.T.
 - Biology 6-12
 - Chemistry 6-12
 - Physics 6-12
 - Middle Grades General Science 5-9

- Secondary Education M.Ed.
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - *Biology
 - *Chemistry
 - *Physics

You qualify for a TEACH Grant:

- if you are a teacher (with a required 3.0 GPA) or *eligible for a professional certificate (**not yet teaching requires a 3.25 GPA).*
- if you are in an M.Ed. or M.A.T. program.
- if you are enrolled in an eligible program.

Getting Started:

College of Education and Human Performance Requirements

- ✓ You have been accepted into the UCF Graduate School.
- ✓ You are pursuing a Masters in a high need field.
- ✓ You have been assigned an academic advisor.
- ✓ You have reviewed the program of study for your program.

Financial Aid Requirements:

- Must file Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- File FAFSA on the web at [FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid](#)
- *Financial need is NOT required!*
- Student must meet Title IV eligibility requirement.

Financial Aid Requirements:

- Proof of Citizenship or Eligible Non-Citizen Status
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Complete 70% of attempted hours
- Complete degree within 150% of the hours required
- Must complete BOTH the UCF College of Education and Human Performance AND Federal TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS)

Agreement to Serve (ATS)

- *The UCF College of Community Innovation and Education ATS must be completed online annually before funding can be disbursed.*
- *Federal ATS information will be available to students once eligibility has been confirmed and final disbursements have been calculated.*
- *The link to the Federal ATS site will be sent to students from the Office of Student Financial Assistance.*

Agreement to Serve (ATS)

There will be a draft of information to review and read before signing. By signing you are agreeing to the following:

You will serve as a full-time, highly qualified teacher at a low income school in a high-need subject area for at LEAST four years within eight years after completing the course of study for which you received TEACH Grant funds.

Agreement to Serve (ATS)

- If you do not complete the required four years of teaching, or if you otherwise do not meet the requirements of the TEACH Grant Program as explained in the ATS, any TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. (**See Additional PowerPoint**)
- If your TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, you must repay the loan in full to the U. S. Department of Education with interest accrued from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Four Steps of ATS:

1. Legal name and school information
2. Personal information
3. Review draft
4. Review and submit

Post Graduation Requirements

- After completion of the M.Ed. or M.A.T. in high need fields, students are required to teach in low income schools.
- This requirement must be met within eight years **after** graduation.
- Service is required as a highly qualified teacher at a low income school in a high need field.

Post Graduation Requirements

Upon completion of each year of service:

- Submit certification of service by school principal to U. S. Department of Education.
- Comply with terms, conditions, and other requirements for documenting, suspending, or discharging service obligation, or for repaying grant funds as a loan.

Summary of Post Graduation Requirements:

- Exit Counseling must be completed within 30 days after graduation.
- Counseling is completed online.
- Students will receive an email and a letter in the mail informing the student that the counseling must be completed.
- Neglecting to complete exit counseling will result in an institutional hold on both grades and transcripts.
- TEACH Grant Exit Counseling must be completed in order to prevent your TEACH Grant from being converted into a direct loan.**

See TEACH Grant Conversion to Unsubsidized Stafford Loan PowerPoint

Identifying Low Income Schools

School Districts identify low income schools according to the following:

- Title I schools designation (elementary and middle)
- Follow district guidelines for identifying low income secondary schools . **

**Federal requirements: More than 30% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Helpful Websites

UCF College of Community Innovation and Education

Main: <http://ccie.ucf.edu/>

UCF Graduate Studies:

<http://www.graduate.ucf.edu/>

Graduate Catalog:

<https://www.ucf.edu/catalog/graduate/#/home>

Financial Aid: <http://finaid.ucf.edu/>

Federal Grants Website

<https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs>

Next Steps: Read Carefully

1. Indicate that you have read and understand the information in this PowerPoint.
2. Access the "TEACH Grant Conversion to Unsubsidized Stafford Loan PowerPoint" for additional pertinent information.
3. Completing the College of Community Innovation and Education ATS is required BEFORE your information can be forwarded to the Office of Financial Assistance.

Next Steps: Read Carefully

4. If you are currently teaching, you **MUST** submit the Verification of Employment form and forward to Dr. Pratt Marrett.
[Click here to download the form.](#)
5. Once your information is submitted to the College, it is reviewed for confirmation of eligibility (GPA, course registration, eligible program).

Next Steps: Read Carefully

6. Your information will then be forwarded to the Office of Student Financial Assistance to confirm eligibility for funding.
7. All approved funding awards will appear on your fee invoice PRIOR to the fee deadline. **Award amounts are NOT provided to the TEACH Grant office.**

Next Steps: Action Required

8. [Click here to access the College of Education Addendum to the Agreement to Serve \(ATS\).](#)