

Retention

Once a candidate is admitted to TEPAR, retention in the program is not automatic. The committee will, therefore, monitor each candidate's progress in the following areas: academics, professional behavior, and overall commitment, ethical standards, personal qualities necessary for effective classroom interaction, and interpersonal skills needed to work with parents, administrators, and other professionals. Any candidate who does not appear to be progressing satisfactorily will be notified in writing, and when appropriate, given the opportunity to correct deficiencies identified by the committee. Should the candidate be unable or unwilling to do so to the satisfaction of the committee, he/she will be removed from TEPAR.

TEPAR monitors GPA each semester to ensure each candidate maintains a 2.5 or higher GPA. TEPAR uses the following guidelines for retention and dismissal from an education program:

1. If overall GPA falls below 2.5, the candidate is suspended from TEPAR restricted courses until overall GPA returns to 2.5 or higher.
2. If a candidate earns a **D and/or F** in one TEPAR restricted course, the candidate is **suspended** from TEPAR restricted courses for one semester.
3. If a candidate earns a **D and/or F** in two TEPAR restricted courses, the candidate is **permanently** removed from TEPAR.

Candidates will be informed via their LSUS email following the semester the infraction occurred.