

STUDENT TEACHING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please review these documents but wait until you have attended a **MANDATORY** Student Teaching Application Meeting to begin preparing your application packets (You will not receive your access to your shared google folder until you've attended one of the meetings). Write down any questions you might have and ask them during the meeting, as the Director of Field Services will be reviewing all the materials and will be happy to answer your questions.

We are here to help you, and we want you to be successful. **Professional behavior is an expectation of all teacher candidates.** Meeting deadlines, attending meetings, and responding promptly to email inquiries demonstrate readiness for student teaching.

Spring 2027 APPLICATION FOR UMF STUDENT TEACHING

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NAME: _____ ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

Pronoun: Mr.____ Ms.____ Mrs.____ Miss____ Mx.____ Other:_____

MaineStreet STUDENT ID#: _____

How would you like to be addressed:

He _____ She _____ They _____ Other-please specify _____

I am enrolled in the following Minor:
____ Special Education Certification
Track (24 credits)
____ ESOL(English for Speakers of
Other Languages)

E-MAIL: _____ CELL/LOCAL PHONE: _____

I authorize UMF Field Services to contact the following in case of an emergency:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: (Please notify of any changes)

CONTACT #1: _____ CONTACT #2: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

NAME OF ACADEMIC ADVISOR: _____ FIRST SEMESTER YOU ENROLLED AT UMF: _____
i.e., Fall 2021

YOUR UMF EDUCATION PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Early Childhood Education (ECH) B-5(K) _____ (P)K-3 _____ (choose all that apply)

Early Childhood Special Education (ECS) B-5 _____ (ECH) B-5(K) _____ (choose all that apply)

Special Education (SED) K-8 _____ 7-12 _____ (choose one)

Elementary Education (ELE) _____

Please specify your Concentration OR Minor _____

Secondary/Middle: (choose one)

English (SEN) _____ Social Studies (SSS) _____ Math (SMS) _____

Secondary Science: Please specify Life Science _____ OR Physical Science _____ (choose one)

School Health Education _____

Physical Education _____

World Language - Please specify French _____ OR Spanish _____ (choose one)

WHERE WILL YOU RESIDE DURING STUDENT TEACHING?

Address: _____

SEE ATTACHED PLACEMENT INFORMATION GUIDELINE SHEET BEFORE MAKING YOUR CHOICES.

LIST IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE THREE STUDENT TEACHING PLACEMENT CHOICES, ONE (1) BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE, (2) BEING SECOND, ETC. A LETTER MUST ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FOR AN OUT-OF-AREA PLACEMENT.

- ____ LEWISTON/AUBURN REGION ____ JAY/LIVERMORE/RUMFORD REGION
- ____ GREATER FARMINGTON REGION ____ MADISON/SKOWHEGAN REGION
- ____ AUGUSTA/WATERVILLE/OAKLAND ____ SOUTHERN MAINE REGION
- ____ I AM INTERESTED IN STUDENT TEACHING ABROAD or OUT OF STATE
- ____ I HAVE ATTACHED A REQUEST

TRANSPORTATION: ____ I HAVE A CAR ____ I DO NOT HAVE A CAR (IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND TRANSPORTATION)

Have you ever been convicted of any crime other than a traffic offense? _Yes _No

(If YES, please attach a single copy of a written explanation.)

Proof of fingerprinting & criminal history record check is required **before** student teaching. If you are a person with a disability and will need any accommodations to participate in Student Teaching, please contact Hiram Sibley at 778-7171 or hiram.sibley@maine.edu to discuss your personal needs.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

SPRING 2027 STUDENT TEACHING IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

MEETINGS

- 1) Student Teaching Application Information Meetings:
Kalikow Education Center, 238A
Monday, April 7, 2026 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, April 10 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 11 12:30 - 1:30 pm

- 2) Student Teaching Abroad: For students hoping to student teach abroad, a separate application is required. Pick up and submit applications with the **Office of Global Education, 105 Fusion Space.**
APPLICATION DUE DATE:
April 15, 2026

- 2) Student Teaching Interview Information Meetings:
Kalikow Education Center, 238A
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, September 23 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday, September 24 5:00 - 6:00 pm

- 3) Student Teaching Placement Information Meetings:
Kalikow Education Center, 238A
Wednesday, December 2, 2026 10:00 - 11:00 am
Wednesday, December 2 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday, December 2 4:30 - 5:30 pm

You must choose one of each of these meetings to attend. You do not need to notify us of your choice, unless you are unable to attend any of the specified times. In that case, contact Kristin Hickey kristin.hickey@maine.edu to make alternate arrangements.

UMF ACADEMIC CALENDAR SPRING 2027

The student teaching semester goes from 1/4/27 to 4/30/27

Student teachers do not follow the official UMF Academic calendar in the spring semester.

Following is a schedule of vacation weeks and other obligations for student teachers:

- **Start Date:** Your first day in schools will be Monday, January 4, 2027. Student Teaching Orientation will be Wednesday, January 6, 2027. **THIS DOES NOT ALIGN WITH THE UMF ACADEMIC CALENDAR.**
- February 15-19, 2027: Public School February Vacation - **UMF student teachers will not be working in schools**
- March 15-19, 2027: UMF Spring Break – **UMF student teachers will be working in schools during this break.** Students who live in the dorms should fill out a Break Housing Application, which can be found in the Student Life Office in the Olsen Student Center
- April 19-23, 2027: Public School April Vacation – **UMF student teachers will not be working in schools**

APPLICATION FOR UMF STUDENT TEACHING
SPRING 2027

READ AND KEEP THIS PAPER

Goal of Field Supervision: Our teacher candidates will learn to take control of themselves as professionals and transition into the teaching profession as an Educational Leader of the 21st Century who is a *CARING TEACHER, COMPETENT EDUCATOR, and COLLABORATIVE PROFESSIONAL LEADER*

IMPORTANT EVENTS & DATES

Fill out Google form online at: <https://forms.gle/SryHw5yUsEu5WYcS7>. **Before uploading** your application, you **must** attend one of the following **Student Teaching Application Information Meetings**:

Monday, April 6, 2026	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Room 238A, Education Center
Wednesday, April 8	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Room 238A, Education Center
Thursday, April 9	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Room 238A, Education Center

April 15, 2026 - DUE DATE for students that hope to Student Teach Abroad - a separate application is required. Pick up and submit applications in the Office of Global Education, 105 Fusion Space.

May 31, 2026 - All applications completed and uploaded to your assigned Google folder.

September 22-24, 2026 - Attend a meeting to discuss preparation and SIGN UP for interviews, location TBA. SEE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES sheet.

October 13-15, 2026 - INTERVIEWS with Student Teacher Supervisors

December 2, 2026 - Attend a meeting to RECEIVE Spring 2027 placement information, Deans Conference Room, Ed Center, Room 238 A. SEE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES sheet. Set up school meetings as soon as possible. Upload signed mentor/principal interview forms to Google folder.

To begin the placement process you need to upload a student teaching application packet, containing a copy of the application form, a letter of introduction, and an updated resumé. Packets will be shared with your mentor teacher and the administrator in your placement school, as well as your field supervisor. It is important that your application packets be neat, clear and concise, and that your letter of introduction presents an interesting, engaging overview of you as a teacher of the 21st century and as a unique person. THINK before you write, PROOFREAD, and have another person proofread all of your materials.

UPLOAD the packets materials to your assigned (you MUST attend an Application Information Meeting to get the link to your shared folder) Google folder by **May 31, 2026**.

Student Teaching is the final phase of your professional course work and is the critical time for you to demonstrate your knowledge, skills and dispositions as they relate to the teaching profession. The success of your student teaching experience is based on how you apply what you know, understand and are able to do, in relationship to content knowledge, general and specific pedagogical knowledge, and how you apply what you know about students, families, communities and schools to assure success for all students. Student teaching emphasizes professional growth through reflective practice, acting on feedback, working collaboratively, and being respectful to students, families and colleagues.

Important Information: All eligibility requirements **must** be completed by the end of the semester prior to Student Teaching. Fingerprinting and criminal history record checks (CHRC) **are required**, and **proof must be on file in the Field Services office**.

DO NOT arrange your own placements. A specific protocol needs to be followed by UMF. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY CHANGES IN PLANS. **Check e-mail regularly for information about Student Teaching.**

Contact: Noel Wilson, Director of Field Services, 778-7171; noel.wilson@maine.edu or
Kristin Hickey, Administrative Specialist, 778-7263; kristin.hickey@maine.edu
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Student teaching is the culminating field experience for UMF Education majors. It is extremely important in preparing students for their professional lives. When a student is approved for a special placement, it is important to understand that the student must assume additional responsibilities in order to successfully complete UMF's requirements for student teaching. Communicating and being comfortable with the use of technology are critical.

PROCEDURE FOR OUT OF AREA PLACEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS

The Director of Field Services:

1. Reviews the student's *special* request.
2. Meets with the student to discuss the *special* request, if located outside of UMF's customary placement areas.
3. Makes a decision regarding the request by reviewing the student's practicum experience(s) and talking with the student's academic advisor. The student's academic record will be reviewed, with the expectation of a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Communication, follow-through, and work ethic are essential dispositions that must be demonstrated throughout the process.
5. Advises the student of decision regarding the *special* request; not all requests are approved. If request is approved, see 6 through 8.
6. For International Placements, students must submit an application with the Office of Global Education, 105 Fusion Space. Deadlines for submission are December 1st for the following Fall semester, and April 15th for the following Spring Semester. Students will work with both the Assistant Director of Global Education and the Director of Field Services throughout the application process. Expectation of a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
7. The student interviews with a student teaching supervisor.
8. The placement process proceeds.

PLEASE NOTE: Any additional expenses, paperwork or procedures beyond what UMF does for our student teachers will be the responsibility of the student making the *special* request. **UMF Field Services will make the placement contacts and will make the placements, or will work with the UMF Office of Global Education.**

Please contact Noel Wilson, Director of Field Services, with any questions you may have regarding *Special Request Procedures*: noel.wilson@maine.edu, 778-7171 or Administrative Specialist, Kristin Hickey, kristin.hickey@maine.edu, 778-7263.