



Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement for Admission and Completion of Teacher Preparation Programs

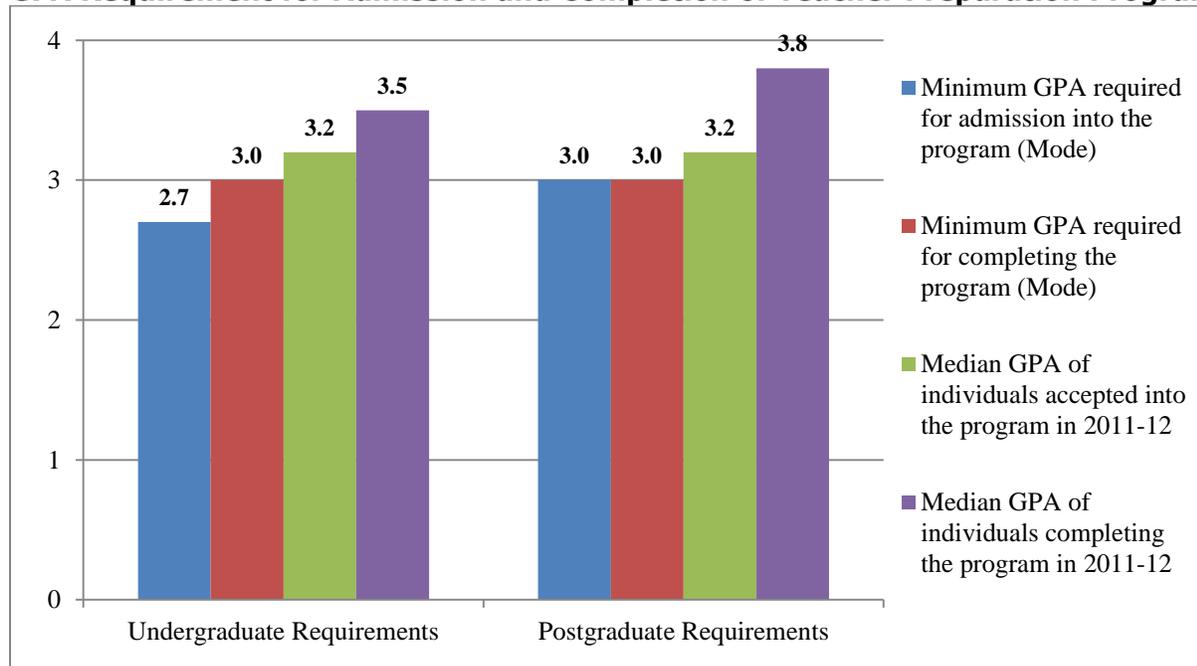
Title II of the Higher Education Act (HEA) is a federal mandate that requires all teacher preparation programs to submit an Institutional and Program Report Card (IPRC) to the state in April and state agencies to submit a statewide report to the U.S. Department of Education in October. In 2008, the HEA was reauthorized and substantial changes were made to the Title II reporting requirements. One of the most recently added requirements for teacher preparation programs is to report on Grade Point Average (GPA) as part of their admission requirements. Teacher preparation programs are required to report on GPA for undergraduate and postgraduate programs separately for the academic year (AY) 2011-12.

IPRC requires that the teacher preparation programs report on the following:

- (i) What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program?
- (ii) What was the median GPA of individuals accepted into the program in AY 2011-12?
- (iii) What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program?
- (iv) What was the median GPA for individuals completing the program in AY 2011-12?

In AY 2011-12, the *Mode*, or most commonly reported, minimum GPA required for admission into the program for traditional undergraduate programs was 2.7. The *Median* GPA of individuals accepted into the program was 3.2. The *Mode* for the minimum GPA required for completing the program was 3.0 and the *Median* GPA of individuals completing the program in AY 2011-12 was 3.5. The difference between the admission requirement (*Mode*) and the actual *Median* was 0.5. For the postgraduate programs, the *Mode*, or most commonly reported, minimum GPA requirement was 3.0 and the actual *Median* for individuals completing the program was 3.2. The *Mode* of the minimum GPA for completing the program was also 3.0 and the *Median* for the individuals completing the program was 3.8. The difference between the admission requirement and the actual *Median* GPA was 0.8.

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At the state level, teacher candidates had higher median GPA at completion of their teacher preparation programs than the mode required GPA for admission into the programs.

Source: Annual Report Card on California Teacher Preparation Program for the AY 2011-2012