

How to become a Certified Teacher

A simple guide for Instructional
Assistants to become
CERTIFIED TEACHERS.



Why PIU?

Passionate, capable teachers are greatly needed throughout the United States and abroad.

We understand that obstacles like time and money can easily get in the way of becoming a certified teacher. Now there's another way.

Pacific Islands University have been educating mission-minded people for over 40 years. In 2020, PIU Online was launched and are now able to offer accredited, accelerated bachelor's degrees that incorporate teacher certification.



Accredited

Nationally Accredited



Affordable

Low cost tuition



Accessible

All courses online

The path to a teacher certification takes **3 Simple Steps:**

1. APPLY FOR FREE

It takes just minutes to apply. You'll then schedule an online enrollment session to complete all your application requirements, credit transfers and financial aid requests.

2. COMPLETE YOUR COURSEWORK AND GRADUATE

Earn credits for your work as an Instructional Assistant. Finish your bachelor's degree through our virtual classroom. You'll have all the support and educator preparation you will need to succeed.

3. COMPLETE TEACHER CERTIFICATION

We guide you through the completion of all requirements to receive your Standard Teaching Certificate.

**We measure
success by the
only metric that
matters.**

**Lives changed,
yours and the
students you'll
serve.**







PIU Success Story.

Meet Gracie



GRACIE'S BACKGROUND

-  Working mom.
-  Several years of experience as an IA.
-  Started college, but paused to work and provide for her children.
-  Loves special needs kids, especially at the elementary level.

GRACIE'S GOALS

- 1.** Graduate and be a certified teacher in Special Education.
- 2.** She can pick from these initial concentration areas:
 - Special Education, Elementary Education, Secondary Education
 - Math, Science, ELAR Social Studies
- 3.** After initial certification, she can add other content areas by passing additional content exams.

Gracie's Questions

After submitting her application, she scheduled a video enrollment interview with our team...

What does it take to Get Accepted?

The 3 criteria are:

1. Submit an Application
2. Submit Transcripts
3. Apply for Financial Aid.

Is Financial Aid Available?

Yes. As a Nationally Accredited Institution, PIU qualifies for Title VI funding with the US Department of Education.

Tuition is less than \$2,300 a semester for our recommended degree plan.

We want you to complete your FAFSA to qualify for federal grants and loans.

Do I have to Stop Working?

Absolutely **not!** Your clinical (student) teaching requirement is met while you continue to work as an IA.

How Fast can I complete my degree and certification?

Depending on how many credits you can transfer, our degree plan would have you graduate in 2 years with your certification, assuming you transfer 45+ credits.

How Many Credits can I transfer?

You can transfer up to 60 credits. See our credit policy under "Resources" for more details.



Are Summer Courses available?

Definitely. In fact, we want you to take at least 9 credit hours in the summer.

When will Classes Start?

Classes start on a traditional semester schedule: September, January and June.

Fall and Spring are 15 weeks. Summer is 10 weeks.

Are classes Self-Paced?

You can complete courses early, but you must finish by the end of the semester.

Are courses Applicable To The Work I'm doing?

That's a unique aspect of our program. We want each class, each assignment to be useful. You'll be able to apply your coursework directly to your classroom.

You will also see the Rubric used to grade your assignments and get feedback from your instructors on how to improve. This allows you to master a subject and receive the highest possible grade.



How do I Earn Credit for my work as an IA?

You can earn 3 credits hours per semester for 4 semesters for your work as an IA.

Let's look at a sample degree plan:



EXAMPLE DEGREE PLAN: 63 HOURS NEEDED TO GRADUATE

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| Intro to Education | Fall 2020 |
| Teaching Diverse Populations | Fall 2020 |
| Class Practicum (3 Credits) | Fall 2020 |
| Principles of Teaching | Spring 2021 |
| Classroom Management, Engagement & Motivation | Spring 2021 |
| Classroom Practicum (3 Credits) | Spring 2021 |
| Intro to Linguistics | Summer 2021 |
| Critical Thinking & Logic | Summer 2021 |
| Psychology for Educators | Summer 2021 |
| Spiritual Formation & Christian Doctorine | Summer 2021 |
| Methods of Education 1 | Fall 2021 |
| Methods and Materials 1 | Fall 2021 |
| Elementary & Secondary Curriculum | Fall 2021 |
| Classroom Prcticum (3 Credits) | Fall 2021 |
| Methods of Education 2 | Spring 2022 |
| Methods and Materials 2 | Spring 2022 |
| Educational Assessment Methods | Spring 2022 |
| Classroom Practicum (3 Credits) | Spring 2022 |
| Fine Arts in the Classroom | Summer 2022 |
| World Religions | Summer 2022 |
| Church History | Summer 2022 |

How do I get certified as a teacher?

In your last semester, you will complete your clinical (student) teaching assignment while you continue to work as an IA. We will guide you through all the requirements for certification. You will take your certification exam(s) while you are in the bachelor's degree program.

What is the enrollment deadline for Spring 2021?

Spring 2021 Enrollment will begin October 1st and close December 11th, 2020.



Next Steps...

Start your journey to making a life-changing impact as a teacher by applying for PIU today. Accredited. Accelerated. Affordable.

APPLY NOW: [PIU.ONLINE/APPLY](https://piu.online/apply)



To talk to an advisor today call
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