

Eligibility for Preparatory Coursework:

A student not enrolled in a degree or certificate program is eligible for **some** financial aid if the student is taking coursework necessary for his or her enrollment in an eligible program.

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled at least half-time.
- Aid for one year only.
- May receive Stafford and PLUS loans only.
- Coursework must be a prerequisite for admission into eligible program.
- Coursework taken solely to raise GPA is not considered eligible prerequisite coursework.

Eligibility for Teacher's Certification:

A student enrolled in a required teacher certification program is eligible for **some** financial aid.

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled at least half-time.
- May receive Perkins Loans, Federal Work Study, Stafford and PLUS loans at the undergraduate level, even if student has already earned a Master's level degree.
- An otherwise eligible student may also receive a TEACH Grant
- Certification does not have to lead to a degree or certificate awarded by SUNY Potsdam.
- The program must be required for the elementary or secondary teacher certification or recertification in the state where the student plans to teach or the state where the student is completing the program.
- Optional courses that the student elects to take for professional recognition or advancement do not qualify.
- Students must provide documentation that the courses are required by the state for certification.