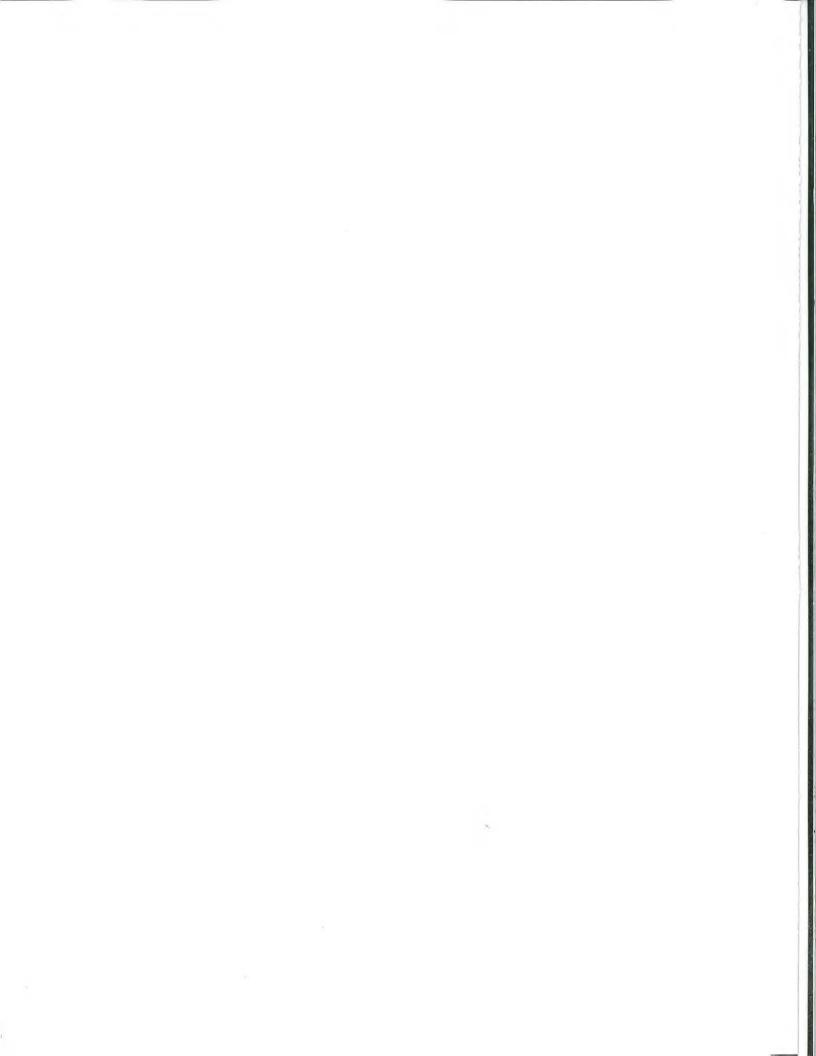


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Dear Legislators and other Concerned Citizens:

Following one and a half years of deliberations, the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System is pleased to offer its final report. The Commission concluded, as have a number of national studies, that perhaps the most critical element to the accomplishment of educational reform is the quality of classroom teachers. Therefore, the importance of teacher pre-service, induction and in-service education programs is evident. Historically, two out of three Maine teachers have received their undergraduate education in the University of Maine System - the majority of them in teacher education programs.

The Special Commission was established in 1986 by the 112th Legislature amidst concern that University System Teacher Education Programs were not adequately preparing teachers for their critical role in the classrooms of our State. We found that significant steps have been taken to upgrade the quality of these programs. However, further efforts toward improvement are necessary. If our students are to be well prepared to thrive in an ever more complex world, each generation of teachers must be better prepared to teach the requisite skills.

Our report embodies thirty-three recommendations designed to enhance improvement in Teacher Education Programs and to promote the professionalization of teaching - a necessary ingredient to attracting high quality teacher education students. Each recommendation has been carefully crafted by the Commission to address specific concerns. It is our intent that these recommendations support and enhance the efforts at self improvement which have occurred within the University System Teacher Education Programs over the past several years.

We hope you share our interest in this critical component of educational reform and trust that the Legislature and members of the educational community will join together to implement the recommendations of this report.

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REPORT

OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY TEACHER TRAINING IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

I. THE SETTING

A. Teacher education and the educational reform movement

Beginning in 1983 with the publication of <u>A Nation at</u> <u>Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform</u> by the National <u>Commission on Excellence in Education, sponsored by the</u> U.S. Department of Education, a wave of educational reform swept this country. The measures embodied in that reform movement, by and large, established increased statewide educational standards and requirements which were designed to lead to educational excellence. As a consequence, schools were subject to more rigorous approval requirements and were required to develop specific plans for school improvement; students were subject to increased graduation requirements and to periodic testing and assessment; new teachers were to be tested for competence; and all teachers and administrators were expected to meet raised standards for certification and recertification.

As implementation of these and other educational reform measures began, it became evident that although increased statewide minimum standards are a necessary ingredient to educational reform, they do not necessarily lead directly to excellence. Genuine improvement often occurs at the local level on a school by school, class by class basis, where real teaching and learning occur. While all schools, students, and teachers must meet the new minimum standards, some of them may do so in a way that truly achieves educational excellence; others may not. Furthermore, assurance of excellence in each program can be achieved less effectively at the state level than at the classroom level. For that reason, the classroom teacher has emerged as a critical element in the implementation of educational reform.

Due to the pivotal role of teachers in the reform movement, the importance of teacher education programs has gained recognition. As one national study group stated: "...American students' performance will not improve much if the quality of teaching is not much improved. And teaching will not improve much without dramatic improvement in teacher education."¹ Teacher education including the pre-service preparation of teachers, induction of new graduates into the profession, and the professional growth

and development of current teachers through in-service training are critical factors to achieving educational improvement. The responsibility for accomplishing these goals has fallen largely to the teacher education programs of our public universities.

B. Creation of the Special Commission

Responding to the national recognition of the importance of teachers and, thus, teacher education programs, a number of national groups have studied teacher education as the key ingredient to educational reform. Among them are the Carnegie Institute on Education and the Economy, the Holmes Group, an association of the deans of universities with teacher education programs, and the Education Commission of the States. Complementing these national studies, several states have conducted an examination of their own teacher education programs, either upon the initiative of the Legislature, the Governor, or the State University itself. Maine became part of the movement in 1986.

Maine Resolves of 1986, Chapter 52 was enacted creating the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System. A copy of the resolve is attached (Appendix A). The Special Commission consisted of a broadly representative membership of 13 and was directed to report to the 1st Regular Session of the 113th Legislature (later amended to the 2nd Regular Session of the 113th).

II. COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS

The Special Commission convened on four occasions in 1986 and seven in 1987, either sitting as a full committee or as subcommittees assigned various specific tasks. At the initial meeting, the deans and directors of each College or Department of Education within the System described and answered questions on the Teacher Education program at his or her respective campus. Other information relative to the System's teacher education program was collected, presented and discussed over the next several meetings, resulting in the compilation of an extensive profile of the teacher education program at each campus as of the 1986-87 academic year. A copy of the profiles is attached (Appendix B).

During the Spring of 1987, the Special Commission held a series of eleven teacher forums at schools across the State. Two-person teams from the Commission met with teachers to hear their perceptions of the quality of teacher education programs (particularly within the University of Maine System) and how to improve upon them. Several interesting comments were received at the forums. A listing of the forum sites and a copy of the summary of the comments received is attached (Appendix C).

As directed by the authorizing legislation, the Commission developed an extensive questionnaire to survey new teachers' attitudes toward their pre-service teacher program. The survey instrument was patterned after several recent national surveys. In the spring of 1987, the questionnaire was mailed to 850 teachers who had been certified to teach within the last 4 years. A postcard reminder and a follow-up mailing were sent to those who did not respond to the first mailing. An impressive 76% of the questionnaires were completed and returned. A copy of the survey questionnaire, the frequency responses for the three largest campuses, (UM, USM, and UMF) and a comparison between the Commission's questionnaire responses and the national surveys' responses is attached (Appendices D, E, and F). Other survey data, including cross-tabulation tables for certain questions are available in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and may be viewed or copied at the requestor's expense.

The resolve creating the Commission also required that public meetings be held to receive comments on the status of teacher education within the University of Maine System prior to development of final recommendations and the submission of legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature. Public meetings were held in Portland on December 1 and Bangor on December 2, 1987. Appropriate comments received at the meetings and written comments received following the meetings have been incorporated into this report. Members of the Commission also visited the Colleges of Education at the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine to observe the conditions of their programs. While on those campuses, the Commission met with College of Education administrators, faculty members and students. (Appendix G summarizes those meetings.)

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Introduction

During its examination of the complex issue of teacher education, the Special Commission was impressed with the quality of many of the present teacher education programs within the University System. There were numerous examples of the use of creative, up-to-date ideas and concepts, innovative research on issues related to teacher education, newly forged partnerships both within and outside of the University System, and increased programatic standards. This appears to be especially true over the last few years. The situation in Maine appears significantly more positive than that depicted in many of the national reports which portray teacher education as in a state of crisis. Nevertheless, the Commission believes that greater effort must be made toward continuing improvements which have already begun and applying those improvements universally across the System. As Frank Newman, President of the

Education Commission of the States, stated recently, "The problem is not, in my opinion, that we are doing poorly. The problem is that the demand for the kinds of teachers we want is escalating steadily and whatever we're doing right now - even if if we're getting a lot better at it - will be inadequate for the future."

In conducting the study of the University System's teacher education programs, the Commission was guided by one overriding consideration: the public interest. The Commission was created from public concern about teacher education programs within the System. We believe a legitimate public interest remains in the accountability of those administering the programs, because the programs are largely publicly funded and because, as stated above, the quality of these programs has a tremendous impact on the quality of education received by Maine's children.

In its recommendations, the Commission addressed the public interest in teacher education while acknowledging improvements that have occurred within the System. We trust that our recommendations will enhance the continuation of these improvements and that our recommendations will be accepted constructively by all affected parties. If these recommendations are to be successfully implemented, full cooperation will be necessary - from policy makers in the Legislature, University System, State Department, and local school systems, to teacher education faculty members and school teachers. Each of the Commission's recommendations is phrased so as to indicate specific action which we feel must take place to maintain or improve the quality of teacher education programs. Where appropriate, the recommendations will be implemented by proposed legislation for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature. In many instances, the Commission's recommendations can best be accomplished at this time by administrative action of the appropriate agency or institution. (Appendix H describes the implementation process for each recommendation.)

B. Centers for Educators' Professional Growth and Development

Central to the Commission's recommendations were two concepts which affect and aid in the implementation of several other specific recommendations. The first of these is the establishment of regional Centers for Educators' Professional Growth and Development.

There should be six centers - one associated with and based at each campus of the University System which offers a Teacher Education program. The primary responsibilities of these Centers would be to (1) assess teacher education needs within its region (pre-service, induction, and in-service), (2) coordinate the provision of teacher education services to meet these needs, (3) coordinate research within the region on the professional knowledge, skills, and development of teachers, and (4) assess the impact of research on the development of successful school practices.

Each center would be governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of public school and Univeristy System administrators, school board members, and a substantial representation of public school teachers and University System faculty employed within the region. The Centers would be funded by appropriation from the Legislature and grant money which is available.

It was the Commission's intent in making this recommendation that we augment ongoing programs rather than create a new separate bureaucratic entity. We anticipate that the Centers will operate under the umbrella of each of the campuses offering teacher education programs. The framework for establishment of the Centers is in place on each campus. However, we do envision an expanded governance structure which provides for on-going, meaningful input by teachers and faculty members in the operation of the Centers.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That legislation be introduced to enhance the funding of regional Centers for Educators' Professional Growth and Development which are governed by representative boards of directors.

C. Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Programs

The second related concept aiding and affecting implementation of the recommendations of this report is the establishment of a system of Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Programs. These grants, patterned after the classroom and school-based Innovative Grants Program for public schools, established by the Education Reform Act of 1984, would be designed to test creative, long-term approaches to improvement in teacher education. These grants would be awarded on a competitive basis from funds appropriated in accordance with recommendations of this report. Any education faculty member or group of members or any College or Department of Education within the System would be eligible to apply for grants to fund innovative approaches to teacher education in subject areas identified in our recommendations. Grants would be two years in duration, although a longer period could be permitted if necessary to thoroughly evaluate the success of the project. An evaluation would be required to determine the scale of significance and application of the project. It would be expected that after the two year testing period programs recommended for continuation and expansion to other campuses would be funded through the System budget.

The Grants system would be administered by the boards of directors for the Regional Centers. The boards of directors would select from among requests for grants to be funded and make allocations within their respective regions based on funds available.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That a system of Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Programs within the University of Maine System be established and that adequate funds be appropriated for that purpose.

D. Role of the University System in Teacher Education

The Commission identified three distinct stages in the education and development of teachers. They were (1) the pre-service education of prospective teachers, (2) the induction period for new teachers, and (3) the in-service training of experienced teachers.

The University of Maine System has traditionally been involved in the delivery of pre-service teacher education programs, the stage at which the System clearly has the greatest impact. Although the majority of our recommendations are in this area, we offer additional recommendations relating to the induction and in-service education of teachers, as well as to the recruitment and retention of teachers.

Teacher education programs within the system consist of professional education courses (provided by the Teacher Education faculty), clinical experience in schools (sponsored and generally supervised by the Teacher Education faculty) and courses in liberal arts and science subjects (provided by faculty other than teacher education faculty). The mix of education, clinical and liberal arts courses varies both by the level and specialty area of teaching degree sought by the individual campuses.

1. University College of Education

The first issue addressed by the Commission regarding the role of the University System in Teacher Education was the functioning of the University College of Education. The University College of Education is the instrumentality responsible for the overall coordination of teacher education programs within the University System. The University College was created by the Board of Trustees in 1977 as an arm of the Chancellor's Office amidst concern that education programs within the System lacked coherence. The charge to the University College was to (1) review each campus' Teacher Education program, (2) assemble pertinent data and act as a central data bank and intelligence center on educational issues for the System and the State, and (3) coordinate the establishment of common standards for Teacher Education programs within the System.

The Governor's Visiting Committee to the University System, while recognizing the importance of Teacher Education to the System and to the State of Maine, stopped short of endorsing the University College. In 1986, following the resignation of Chancellor McCarthy, Interim Chancellor Phillipi ordered an independent evaluation of the University College of Education prepared for the in-coming Chancellor. That evaluation was conducted by an outside consultant and presented to Chancellor Woodbury after he assumed office. That study was prepared as an internal document for the Chancellor and has not been publically released. It has led to a relocation of the Office of the University College of Education to Augusta and a proposed name change and restructuring of the functions and responsibilities of the University College. The proposals will be presented to the University Board of Trustees at their January 1988 meeting.

The changes proposed for the University College of Education have the potential to address the concerns of the Commission, but it will not be clear whether they do until the Board of Trustees acts on Our concerns are principally these: (1) that them. there be a clear and comprehensive statement of the role of the University College or its successor within the University of Maine System; (2) that the relationship of the University College or its successor to the campus Colleges/Departments of Education be clearly stated; (3) that a role be spelled out for the University College or its successor with respect to the rest of the educational community, i.e. the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the State Board of Education, the public and private higher education community, the Legislature and local school units; and (4) that a method for formal, independent evaluation of the effectiveness of the University College or its successor be established.

RECOMMENDATION 3: That the University of Maine System Board of Trustees report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education in February, 1988 on their action regarding the restructuring of the University College of Education, and that the Joint Standing Committee on Education determine whether legislation should be introduced to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature establishing a Commission to examine the University College of Education as it now exists or as it is restructured by the Board and to

report findings and recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

2. Program Content

Various national studies have commented on Teacher Education programs - both on the mix and quality of the courses. The thrust of the recommendations of those studies has varied, but the tone has been predominantly critical of existing Teacher Education programs.

In our review of the University System's Teacher Education programs, the Commission found much on which to commend the System with regard to Teacher Education courses. Without exception, the individual Colleges/Departments of Education have taken steps to upgrade standards for admission to, retention in, or graduation from Teacher Education programs. In many cases, earlier and more relevant clinical experiences are being offered. Cohort training to encourage collegiality and teamwork among training teachers is being offered, and several campuses are requiring more coursework in an academic content area. Additionally, the Chancellor and the Presidents have adopted a statement on Teacher Education (July 20, 1987) which enumerated ten principles to guide the preparation of teachers.

Nevertheless, the Commission had concerns regarding Teacher Education programs within the System. Our principal concern was that professional education and methods courses are often perceived as being inappropriate by teachers in training and lacking in rigor by both those who take them and the general public. That position is supported by national studies and by data gathered by the Commission's survey of new teachers and its teacher forums.

There can be no debate, in our opinion, on the value of clinical experience in the development of teachers. Pre-service teachers, experienced teachers, education faculty and other observers universally cite the importance of early and extensive, carefully structured and supervised clinical programs. They are valuable because they provide both technical expertise to pre-service teachers and act as a screening device for those who are not suited to classroom teaching. Therefore, early clinical experience should be provided in Teacher Education programs.

We believe that improvement is necessary in a number of professional education and methods courses currently being offered. The concerns which we have identified relate to program currentness and to the intellectual demands of the courses - their rigor. These concerns are similar to problems identified by recent national studies of the quality of post-secondary education generally. We recognize that any thorough approach to improving Teacher Education must include efforts to upgrade the effectiveness of Arts and Science offerings. However, as the Commission's charge was directed toward Teacher Education programs within the University System, we limited our recommendations in this section to those programs. We have addressed the need for overall coordination of the education of teachers within the system in part H-2 of this section.

Our survey of teachers indicated a high level of satisfaction with and recognition of the importance of clinical programs such as student teaching and practicum courses. However, education courses, methods courses and core teaching courses are seen in a much less favorable manner by those same teachers.

RECOMMENDATION 4: That the University of Maine System Board of Trustees conduct a review of the content of the undergraduate teacher education program at each campus including the liberal arts component, with a particular emphasis on course requirements, competencies developed and how those competencies are evaluated, and that each program develop a plan to implement program changes, where appropriate. Further, that the University of Maine System provide for the involvement of classroom teachers and education students in the regular policy-making body for each Teacher Education program.

RECOMMENDATION 5: That each College/Department of Education evaluate the delivery of its field based experiences (other than student teaching), including early classroom experiences and training in classroom presentation to prospective teachers; and that each program develop a plan to maintain and strengthen the guality of its field based experiences. Each undergraduate Teacher Education program should have a field based component which at a minimum consists of:

(1) A semester-long introductory experience, prior to admission to the Teacher Education program, which provides on-going sequential relationships with a student or group of students; and

(2) A year-long field based experience to be developed by each campus, jointly supervised by University faculty and classroom teachers, with an accompanying seminar or other peer support group meeting monthly.

RECOMMENDATION 6: That the State Board of Education establish minimum certification requirements for field based experience for prospective teachers prior to provisional certification and that this policy be biennially reviewed by the Board and a report filed with the Joint Standing Committee on Education in January during the First Regular Session of each Legislature.

Individual courses or campus programs to address these recommendations would be eligible for funding under the Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Programs. The Centers for Professional Growth and Development would identify common areas needing to be addressed in pre-service education for teachers coming into their region.

3. Need for Courses in Special Subjects

The Commission's survey data indicate that new teachers lack preparation in certain specific areas. The areas most often cited as lacking were classroom management and discipline, dealing with handicapped children, recognizing student learning styles, understanding substance abuse and understanding school law. The need for exposure to special education topics was also strongly supported by current student comments during our on-campus visits. Some of these subjects are appropriately taught at the pre-service level.

Clearly, classroom management, dealing with handicapped students and recognizing different learning styles are knowledge and skills in which teachers must have an adequate grounding when they arrive in their first classroom. Neither the teacher nor the student is well served if the teacher encounters a situation with which he or she is unprepared to deal. Classroom management issues are dealt with in current programs. It is not our intent to recommend that specific courses be offered in classroom management, however, we raise the subject for consideration by System officials as one commonly believed to be lacking by teachers.

With respect to the area of dealing with special education students, our recommendations parallel those in the reports of the Joint Select Committee to Address Training and Employment Opportunities for Handicapped Persons Beyond School Age in 1985 and the Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled Children in 1986. Currently, teachers other than those seeking a special education degree are insufficiently exposed to special education issues in their courses.

RECOMMENDATION 7: That all students enrolled in teacher education programs within the University of Maine System be required to successfully complete a course (3 credit hours) or course equivalent on exceptionality and a course (3 credit hours) or course equivalent on the methods of mainstreaming exceptional children. This requirement may be met by a combination of formal coursework and field experiences with the total time involved equivalent to 6 semester credit hours of coursework.

Other subject areas appropriate to pre-service education, i.e. dealing with family dysfunctions, substance abuse, and understanding school law were cited in the survey as lacking. It is critical to morale that teachers are able to understand and participate in the process. Exposure to the legal framework in which schools operate will give teachers a better understanding of the context of their work. The term "School Law" was not defined in the survey. In the Commission's view, that term covers a range of topics such as school finance, school organization, school construction, child abuse reporting requirements, AIDS policy, special education law, school structure and governance and school discipline rules. These are subjects which must be dealt with at both the pre-service and in-service levels.

RECOMMENDATION 8: That the Colleges/Departments of Education examine ways to deliver courses, course equivalents or workshops on family dysfunctions, substance abuse and school law issues and that they enter into dialogue with school administrative units to highlight the need for and to develop ways to provide continued exposure to those issues during in-service training.

The provision of courses in these specialized areas should be developed through the Centers for Professional Growth and Development taking into account the pre-service and in-service needs of teachers in each region.

4. Student counselling, guidance and job placement

Recent graduates of Teacher Education programs within the University System who responded to the Commission's survey believe they need more career counselling, guidance and job placement assistance. It is our belief that services such as these are critical supportive elements to any strong pre-service Teacher Education program. Counselling and guidance services are necessary to assist students in determining whether teaching is the appropriate field for them and, if so, what level or specialty might be the most suitable. Comprehensive job placement services can help ensure that the first professional experience of a newly graduated teacher is appropriate to his or her training. Support services such as guidance, counselling and placement are critical elements to ensure that committed and competent new teachers enter and stay in the teaching profession.

RECOMMENDATION 9: That the Colleges/Departments of Education evaluate their support services in guidance, career counselling and job placement for teachers and prepare a plan/program for meeting the identified needs of future teachers in this area. Further, that each College/Department establish a program for maintaining contact with Teacher Education graduates for at least five years following graduation to evaluate career paths.

RECOMMENDATION 10: That the Colleges/Departments of Education incorporate into the undergraduate Teacher Education program a process for both stressing the importance of teaching as a career and for a continuing evaluation of teacher education students for their interest and ability to teach. This process should be introduced early and continued through the undergraduate teacher education program.

Proposals for upgrading support services System-wide would be eligible for funding under the Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Program.

5. Program review

The Commission found that Teacher Education programs within the University System are subject to a variety of review processes, from informal, internal self-review to formal, external review. In some cases external review is performed by the State for program approval and in some cases by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for national accreditation. There is not, however, a consistent, periodic, external review of Teacher Education programs based on accepted national standards performed on a System-wide basis. This lack of consistent, external review of the various Teacher Education programs contributes to the pervasive notion on campuses that Teacher Education is a less than serious academic program. In making our recommendation regarding NCATE accreditation, we recognize that there will be some increased costs to

small programs within the System which the Board of Trustees should take into account within its budget.

RECOMMENDATION 11: That each Teacher Education program within the University of Maine System be required to undergo NCATE accreditation review every seven years.

6. Teaching Out of Certified Field

Within regard to teacher certification, to a large extent certification and Teacher Education programs are interrelated and a change in one necessitates a change in the other.

Our primary concern was that a significant minority of new teachers responding to our survey responded that they are teaching outside the grade level or subject area for which they were educated. We understand that the State Board of Education will be addressing this area through rule-making. endorse their efforts. In our view the practice of out-of-field placement trivializes the choice of subject matter specialization by teachers and is another example of the lack of professional respect accorded to teachers. In addition, it is poor educational practice to use teachers to teach in an area where they are inadequately prepared. Finally, we feel that the issue of maldistribution of teachers by subject area or grade level of training and spot shortages of particular types of teachers needs to be addressed in a more comprehensive manner.

RECOMMENDATION 12: That the State Board of Education study the issue and develop methods to ensure that teachers are in the subjects and grade levels in which they are academically prepared.

RECOMMENDATION 13: That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and Colleges/Departments of Education annually identify potential teacher shortages or oversupply, determine why they are occurring, and develop a plan to address the problem.

The Centers for Professional Growth and Development can assist in that analysis for their region.

E. Induction Period for New Teachers

Every year 500-600 newly graduated teachers enter Maine classrooms. Many have difficulty coping with the demands we as a society place on teachers. Some are fortunate. Through the assistance of an experienced fellow teacher, a helpful administrator, or through their own initiative, they discover how to be good teachers. Others survive; they discover methods that seem to work. Over time they may become competent, if not outstanding, teachers. Others simply cannot adjust and ultimately leave teaching - some sooner, some later. It is difficult to determine how many of these teachers would have developed into good teachers had they stayed in the field.

A comprehensive system of support services is essential to new teachers during their induction into the teaching profession. Such services can not only help to prevent teachers from becoming discouraged by their initial exposure to teaching and leaving the profession, but they can also help those who remain to become better teachers. The new teacher certification law has begun to address the need for induction services with the concept of support systems for new teachers in the school and the development of teacher action plans which identify specific areas of need for teachers in their professional development. That represents a step in the right direction. However, we believe that with relatively modest changes the induction period for new teachers can be made even more productive. Such changes should contribute to an increase in the number and quality of new teachers who choose to remain in the teaching profession.

RECOMMENDATION 14: That the State Board of Education encourage teacher support teams under the certification law to make available to newly certified teachers counselling in classroom coping skills and to discuss with all new teachers the importance of teaching as a profession in our society.

RECOMMENDATION 15: That each school admininstrative unit allocate at least one half day per year of in-service training for its teachers to programs related to improving teaching as a career.

RECOMMENDATION 16: That the Legislature expand the Blaine House Scholars Program to enable and encourage prospective teachers to obtain a Masters Degree in Education or in their subject matter specialty and to provide financial assistance for current teachers to take a paid leave of absence, to commence or continue graduate study, or for other professional development activities.

The Professional Growth and Development Centers will play a major role in the assessment of the needs and provision of programs for new teachers.

F. In-service Training for Current Teachers

Approximately 15,000 teachers are employed in Maine's public schools. Each year only 500 to 600 new teachers enter the profession. If the rate of hiring new teachers doubled, it would take fifteen years to completely replace the current teaching workforce with newly trained teachers. These figures, while not obviating the need we found for certain improvements in the Teacher Education programs preparing new teachers, highlight the corresponding need to provide in-service training to upgrade the skills of current teachers.

The Commission's survey data indicates that teachers did not participate frequently in professional development activities and when they did, did not think those activities helped significantly. These findings buttress what our collective experience tells us - that a great deal of in-service training is not considered to be a serious undertaking by most educators. Continuing education courses are thought by many to be something that must be endured and which provide little benefit or challenge. If teaching is to attain the status of a learned profession and if we are to take seriously the need of upgrading credentials of the current practitioners, that issue must be addressed.

The Commission believes that the Centers for Professional Growth and Development would contribute to addressing the in-service educational needs of teachers. By carefully assessing the professional growth and development needs of its region's teachers and taking into account the expressed needs of those teachers, each Center would assure that the in-service educational programs offered would be relevant. By coordinating in-service programs between the University System, the school unit and private providers, it would assure that programs are offered in a systematic, timely and geographically useful manner. (Refer to Recommendation 1 and the discussion preceding it.)

RECOMMENDATION 17: That the Legislature encourage public school teachers to continue their professional growth by providing appropriate funding for summer education grants for professional development.

There is at least one specific subject area which the Commission felt needed to be addressed through a comprehensive system of in-service training. When asked in our survey to identify problems facing schools today, the highest response category was problems stemming from family dysfunctions which affect the child's ability to learn.

RECOMMENDATION 18: That the State Board of Education be informed of the importance of family functions as they

relate to the classroom experience and that the Board determine methods of assuring that school administrative units provide appropriate in-service training on education problems associated with family dysfunctions.

In-service programs to help teachers deal with family dysfunctions would be eligible for Innovative Teacher Education Program grants and should be coordinated through the Centers for Professional Growth and Development.

G. Professionalization of Teaching

Much has been written recently about the impending shortage of teachers. Nationally, experts have offered differing opinions on the question of whether there is a shortage of qualified teachers. In Maine, two recent studies² indicate that although there are problems with an adequate supply of trained teachers in certain subject areas, e.g. special education, there does not appear to be a general shortage of teachers at this time.

Whether there is an actual shortage of teachers or not, we must be concerned about the quality of students attracted into teaching and the quality of teachers who remain in teaching for more than a few years. One of the critical elements in attracting and retaining high quality teachers is to raise the standing of teaching as a profession. Some of our earlier findings and recommendations dealing with increased Teacher Education program standards, the new certification requirements, and a strengthened system of in-service teacher development will assist in professionalizing teaching.

In our view, the enpowerment of teachers is another area that clearly needs to be addressed. Teachers must be allowed to influence what goes on in their schools, to be given and to accept responsibility for the successful education of their students and to be adequately compensated for their work.

Some progress has been made on this front. Several school systems, on their own initiative, are involving teachers in the management of their schools. Statewide minimum starting salaries have been raised significantly over the past two years. Tentative steps toward professionalizing teaching are beginning to occur. However, we feel that much more needs to be done in order to sustain this momentum.

1. Teacher Salaries

A critical element in professionalizing teaching is establishment of teachers' salaries at competitive levels. Although beginning teachers' salaries have increased significantly and, to a lesser extent, all teachers' salaries have increased over the last two years due to legislatively mandated minimum starting salaries, our survey data indicates that new teachers continue to cite low salaries as the major problem facing public schools today.

The problem related to teacher salaries is three-pronged. First, there is an inherent weakness in simply establishing a minimum starting salary in statute without some means of updating that statewide minimum for inflation in succeeding years. The Education Reform Act of 1984 established \$15,500 as the minimum starting salary for the 1987-88 school year. However, unless provisions are made for periodically updating that figure with a new meaningful and responsible statewide minimum, Maine will soon be in a situation similar to that which preceded enactment of the statewide minimum.

RECOMMENDATION 19: That, beginning in 1988, the Joint Standing Committee on Education biennially review teacher compensation and the minimum starting salary level for new teachers and recommend appropriate changes.

In addition, the Commission identified the compression of the overall salary scale within many administrative units as the second salary concern. New salary scales are being established with fewer steps and with smaller increases between steps. Many teachers are being retained at their current step longer. The result is that beginning teachers' salaries have increased, in some cases significantly, over the last two years while experienced teachers' salaries have increased much less. This situation, if allowed to continue, could eventually drive many of Maine's good, experienced teachers out of teaching into better paying professions. Additionally, young people may be inhibited from entering teaching in the first place when they compare their future earning potential as a teacher to their potential in other professions requiring similar education and responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION 20: That the Joint Standing Committee on Education within its review of teacher compensation in 1988 study the advisability of establishing a minimum teacher salary for teachers with ten years experience and for teachers with twenty years experience to offset the compression of teacher salary scales which has occurred since the enactment of minimum starting salaries for new teachers.

Thirdly, despite recent improvements, we believe that teacher salaries in Maine continue to fall well below the level necessary to compensate teachers adequately for their work.

RECOMMENDATION 21: That the State of Maine through legislative appropriation and other appropriate means commit to increasing the statewide average teacher salary woth strong consideration given to the State's national ranking for per capita income.

2. Promotion of Teaching

Another part of the solution to professionalizing teaching relies upon changing the perception that teaching is not a serious profession. This unfortunately remains a perception held by many teachers as well as many members of the general public and is a perception which we recommend be addressed in several ways. Of particular importance is the need to encourage bright secondary school students to consider teaching as a career. Too often students receive subtle messages that teaching is not a worthwhile profession.

RECOMMENDATION 22: That professional teachers' associations/unions identify and address specific issues relating to the professionalization and enhancement of teaching as we move into the 21st century.

RECOMMENDATION 23: That the Governor recognize Teacher Education a major priority of his administration and issue a proclamation outlining that priority.

RECOMMENDATION 24: That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services provide technical assistance to public schools in establishing a program to utilize high school students as tutors or aides in elementary schools in order to introduce those students to the benefits of teaching as a profession.

RECOMMENDATION 25: That the Maine Association for Counselling and Guidance examine ways to present teaching as a career option in a positive manner and to encourage students to consider it as a career.

3. Professional Growth of Teachers

A related concern which the Commission had was the need for personal professional growth by teachers, involving more than the formal induction and in-service components of teacher development discussed above. This concern is even more critical in view of increased demands on teachers time. It is essential that adequate in-school time be available to teachers for such professionally related activities as preparing lesson plans, staying current in their subject area, and conferring with colleagues on teaching related matters.

RECOMMENDATION 26: That the Joint Standing Committee on Education conduct a study of the increased demands on teacher time and the need for additional in-school planning and training time and that the Committee take appropriate action following its study.

RECOMMENDATION 27: That all teachers having at least seven years of teaching experience be eligible for one of the following types of legislatively funded leave of absence to improve their professional skills:

(1) Ten well publicized, state funded sabbaticals for teachers awarded on a competitive basis.

(2) Leaves of absence granted by local school administrative units encouraged through state financial assistance and including a service pay back assurance for the school unit.

H. Institutional Roles and Relationships

1. University System - Public School Linkages

The Commission believes that both public schools and the University System benefit from a close working alliance. Public schools benefit by having access to innovative ideas and the most recent research on teaching through the Teacher Education programs. Teacher education programs benefit by having field situations in which to place their students and to implement new research findings. This is supported by the Commission's survey of teachers, with nine of ten responding teachers believing that a formal arrangement for teacher development between the University System and public schools would have a positive effect.

A specific area where the University System/public school relationship needs immediate attention is funding for the clinical experience of pre-service teachers. The most obvious target for upgraded funding is the Cooperating Teacher/Supervising Teacher - that teacher who works with the Teacher Education students in public schools during the clinical component of the students' training. Currently, Cooperating Teachers are paid only \$125 per semester. In our opinion, that amount is woefully inadequate.

RECOMMENDATION 28: That Cooperating/Supervising Teachers be reimbursed a minimum of \$500 per semester for supervision of teacher education students during their student teaching and that adequate funds be appropriated for that purpose. Further, that Cooperating/Supervising Teachers be trained by College/Department of Education personnel through a cooperative arrangement between the public school and the campus. Further, that the Colleges/Departments of Education consider granting adjunct faculty status to Cooperating/Supervising Teachers.

RECOMMENDATION 29: That the State Board of Education and the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System identify specific higher education/K-12 linkages and that the Legislature provide funding through the Grants for Innovative Teacher Education Programs for implemention of those linkages.

2. Coordination of Teacher Education Programs

All teachers trained in the University of Maine System receive a substantial portion of their undergraduate preparation outside the College or Department of Education. Any effort to improve Teacher Education programs must focus on the whole undergraduate program, not simply Teacher Education. The preparation of well-rounded teachers requires the cooperative efforts of the entire campus.

RECOMMENDATION 30: That: (1) the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System charge each campus offering a Teacher Education program to convene a working group representing the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences; (2) the working group on each campus study and report to the Board of Trustees on the coursework offered to pre-service teachers and ways in which education and liberal arts coursework could be offered to more effectively meet the educational needs of preservice teachers; and (3) the Chancellor's annual report to the Legislature include the findings of the campus reports and the specific steps which will be taken to address this issue.

3. The need for research, the relationship of University System Teacher Education Programs, the DECS, the Legislature and Public Schools.

One of the elements which identifies a profession or course of study as a serious academic pursuit is the existence of a sophisticated body of research in that field. That body of serious research has been poorly utilized in the field of Teacher Education. This situation has only recently begun to change. However, the usefulness of research is threatened unless it is conducted in a coordinated manner, disseminated to potential users, and based on a reasonable expectation of continued commitment of resources to develop, conduct, field test and disemminate the results. A key objective of research should be to evaluate any new or experimental Teacher Education programs to assess their effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATION 31: That the University of Maine System Board of Trustees establish a campus-based Education Research Center within the University of Maine System. The principal purpose of the Center would be to conduct current research in the field of teacher education and to establish an active network for dissemination of results of that research to other Teacher Education programs.

RECOMMENDATION 32: That representatives of the University of Maine System, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Legislature and schools convene a working group to discuss and consider the formation of an education research coordinating committee. The purpose of this committee would be to suggest to the Research Centers and Professional Development Centers appropriate educational research topics, coordinate the conduct of research projects, provide for the commitment of adequate resources to carry them out, test their findings, and to disseminate their findings to appropriate policy makers.

RECOMMENDATION 33: That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services review its data gathering, analysis, reporting and dissemination capabilities and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education of the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature ways in which those capabilities might be improved and the cost of those improvements.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Holmes Group, Tomorrow's Teachers: A Report of the Holmes Group, 1986
- 2 Department of Educational and Cultural Services, <u>Teacher</u> Supply and Demand, 1987; and Rydell, Gage, Colnes, <u>Teacher</u> Recruitment and Retention in Maine, 1986

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APPENDIX A

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

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BY GOVERNOR		RESOLVES

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

H.P. 644 - L.D. 914

RESOLVE, Creating a Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System.

Special commission created. Resolved: The Senate concurring, that a Special Commissior to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System, referred to as the commission, be established to review teacher preparation programs at the campuses of the University of Maine, report its findings to the people of the State and make recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature; and be it further

Membership. Resolved: That the commission shall consist of 13 members selected jointly by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. Three of the members shall be members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education; one shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine; one shall be a member of the State Board of Education; one shall be a member of the New England Board of Higher Education; one shall be a member of the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Educators; 3 shall be heads of colleges, departments, divisions or offices of education at campuses of the University of Maine; one shall be an elementary or secondary school administrator; one shall be an elementary school teacher and one shall be a secondary school teacher. The members shall select a chairman from among themselves; and be it further

Reimbursement. Resolved: That members of the com-

mission shall not be paid per diem. Members of the commission who are Legislators shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2. Members of the commission who are not Legislators shall be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379; and be it further

· Issues to be considered. Resolved: That the commission examine the status of teacher preparation at the University of Maine, including the following:

1. Admission requirements for prospective teachers, including test scores, grade point average and other criteria;

2. Profile of incoming teachers as compared to other students based on test scores, grade point average and other criteria;

3. Motivation of incoming teachers determined by a survey conducted by the commission or other appropriate means;

4. Graduation requirements, including practicum experience;

5. Career counseling provided to prospective teachers;

6. Placement of graduates of teacher preparation programs;

7. Assessment of student and graduate opinions of the teacher preparation programs determined by a survey of recent graduates conducted by the commission;

8. Teacher preparation methods employed in undergraduate and graduate programs;

9. Professional staff -- qualifications and rate of turnover;

10. Materials and resources available for teacher preparation programs; 11. Appropriateness of the level of funding of teacher preparation programs;

12. Impact of the new certification law on teacher preparation programs; and

13. Comparison of programs' offerings between campuses; and be if further

Legislative conference on teacher training. Re-That following consideration of the issues solved: listed in this resolve, the commission shall schedule a series of public meetings to be known as the Legislative Conference on Teacher Training. The purpose of the conference shall be to present the commission's findings on the status of teacher training in Maine and to receive public comments on that status and ways in which it may be improved. The meetings shall be scheduled at a convenient place and time in the evening and shall be widely advertised to encourage attendance by interested persons; and be it further

Report to the Legislature. Resolved: That the commission shall report its recommendations, including recommendations for changes, if any, to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature. The report shall include any necessary implementing legislation, estimates of the cost of implementation and possible funding options; and be it further

Staff. Resolved: That the commission may request staff assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1985-86 1986-87

LEGISLATURE

All Other

\$6,700 \$4,300

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In House of Representatives, 1985 Read and passed finally. Speaker In Senate, 1985 Read and passed finally. President Approved 1985 Governor

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

H.P. 870 - L.D. 1171

Resolve, to Amend the Reporting Date of the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature, in Resolve 1985, chapter 52, created the Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University of Maine System, which was to submit a report to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature; and

Whereas, much of the information requested in the resolve has been collected, but some information remains to be collected, including a survey on teacher attitudes which is crucial to the veracity of the final report; and

Whereas, many reforms are being currently implemented in the education programs at the various campuses of the University of Maine and consequently more time is needed to analyze the impact of these new programs; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it **Resolved:** That the date for the submission of the report to the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature is changed so that the commission shall report to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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LEGISLATURE

All Other

\$4,800

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

APPENDIX B

CAMPUS PROFILES

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CAMPUS PROFILES

EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

Submitted to the Commission to Study Teacher Training in the University System

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CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FARMINGTON

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. No. of Students currently enrolled:

Freshmen <u>210</u>	Juniors <u>172</u>
Sophomores 205	Seniors <u>208</u>

B. No. of faculty:

Total <u>27 2/3</u> (FTE) Full-time <u>24 1/6</u> (FTE) Part-time <u>3 1/2</u> (FTE)

C. <u>Majors offered</u>:

Undergraduate:

Early Childhood Education Elementary Education Secondary Education Special Education: speech learning disabilities mental retardation emotional disturbances Home Economics

D. Counseling Services:

Academic advisors assume most of the responsibility for counseling students. In addition, the Counseling Center offers personal counseling, career counseling, and educational counseling. The Career Planning and Placements Office assists students in job searches, career opportunities, and graduate study through scheduled seminars and individual counseling.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. Initial Admission:

All applicants must declare a major on the initial application. The Education Department plays a significant role in the admissions process of new freshmen. The Education Department sets guidelines for admissions which are used along with guidelines set by the Admissions Committee. After the Admissions Committee makes a favorable initial decision, the records are sent to the Education Department for their review. If the Education Department does not agree with the Admissions Committee, the student may be required to come for an interview. A

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Graduate:

Offer graduate Courses through USM decision will then be made on the individual record and the interview. This process is used with nontraditional students from diverse cultural backgrounds or others who are deemed worthy of special consideration.

The Education Department prefers that students have a minimum of 450 on both the verbal and math parts of the SAT's. It also prefers students who are in the top half of their graduating class. Achievement tests are no longer required. The student's high school record and test scores remain a part of the student's record, but are not used for admission to Professional Standing in Education.

Nontraditional students are not required to take SAT's or achievement tests. However, the high school record, courses, and class standing are considered for admissions. Other than test scores, all other requirements are the same.

Rank in class is the number one consideration in the admissions process. The second most important factor is the high school counselor's recommendation. SAT scores are considered, but are used primarily for placement.

Unless there is some concern in the initial admission process, no interview is required until the departmental interview after acceptance. This interview is used by the Education Department to screen and counsel individuals. If a problem arises that was not discovered in the application process, such as a severe speech impediment, the student would be provided help to overcome the problem or would be "counseled out" of the Education Department.

The following courses are recommended for students to take during high school.

English	4.	years
Math	3	years
Science(with lab)	2	years
Social Science	2	years
Foreign Language	2	years

Students who don't have sufficient high school coursework or who have unsatisfactory records otherwise may be accepted to the University on a conditional basis. These students must enroll in the program of Basic Studies and are given deferred degree status. There are courses in English, Reading, Study Skills and Math, which are offered for no credit, to bring students up to the required level. Students in Basic Studies are not part of the Education Department until that sequence is completed satisfactorily.

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B. Admission to the Teacher Education Program:

At the end of the sophomore year, students apply to be admitted to Professional Standing in the Teacher Education Program. "Professional Standing", formerly called "Junior Standing", is achieved by completing 45-70 credits, completing required courses, and by achieving a satisfactory score on the core battery of the National Teachers' Exam. Students must have a 2.5 cum GPA and must have C's or better in English Composition and in each course in the professional education sequence and academic major. Each student is also required to have 2 recommendations from either 2 faculty members or 1 faculty member and 1 supervising teacher and to have successful practical experiences in the schools.

Before being admitted to Professional Standing in Education most coursework is concentrated in liberal arts. Students complete the basic core, take courses in their academic major, and take limited education courses which include practical experiences.

There are no exceptions to these requirements for Professional Standing in Teacher Education. However, students in the University are allowed to repeat a course to bring up a grade. Students not admitted to the Teacher Education Program may possibly be allowed to take one or two courses in the program under special circumstances.

C. Acceptance/Attrition Rates:

About 68% of all applicants to the University who are prospective elementary education majors, 67% who are prospective secondary education majors, 85% who are prospective Special Education majors, 90% who are prospective Home Economics majors, and 80% who are prospective Early Childhood (noncertifiable program) majors are accepted as freshmen. About 75-80% of these students graduate as education majors. This high retention rate is attributable to the screening process.

III. GRADUATION/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Coursework/GPA:

Students graduating from the Teacher Education Program are required to complete 122 semester hours although most students graduate with about 128 credits. The University requires a 2.0 cum average for all students to graduate. The Education Department will be moving to require a 2.5 cum average for its majors. This is essentially achieved now because a student must have a 2.5 cum in order to attain Professional Standing and because a student must receive a C or higher in each course in the professional education sequence and each course in the student's major.

Elementary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements	39
(Sci., Soc. Sci.,	
Humanities, Math.)	
Professional Ed. Sequence	50
(includes 2 special	
education courses)	
Liberal Arts Major	30
Other requirements:	
Psychology, Math, Health	(one additional course each)

Secondary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements	39
(Same as above)	
Professional Education Sequence	37
Subject Major/Minor or	30/18
– Area Major	50

Special Education majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements	39		
(Same as above)			
Professional Ed. Sequence	50		
Subject Area Major	30		
Other requirements:		•	
Psychology, Health	(one	course	each)

Student Teaching which is required of all education majors is included in the count of the Professional Education Sequence. All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

B. Practicum:

All eduation majors must have a successful practicum experience prior to student teaching. The in-class hours for these courses are on a ratio of 2.5 hours per credit granted. Certain education courses have a field component built into them (see Table III). These experiences range from 5 to 10 hours. The average student graduates with 5-6 credits of practicum in addition to student teaching.

EDU 202 is a required course for Elementary, Secondary, and certain Special Education programs and is usually taken as a sophomore. It is a three credit course in which the student is committed to the classroom for six hours each week for a full semester. The students are in a required seminar which covers certain topics such as lesson planning and teaching models once a week for a group Two full time supervisors from the Teacher follow-up. Exchange Program, an arrangement with SAD #9 and SAD #54 under which a highly skilled classroom teacher joins the UMF faculty for two years, are assigned to this course. Each student is observed a minimum of four times a semester for an extended period. The student is evaluated both by the practicum supervisor and the classroom teacher at the midterm and final. There is a follow-up conference with the student after each evaluation.

Student teaching is all day for 15 weeks. There is a weekly seminar which is part of the experience. A student normally has two placements of 8 weeks at different grade levels.

Student teachers have a minimum of three extended observations and evaluations during each placement. The college supervisor confers with both the cooperating teacher and the student after each observation. The student receives a copy of the observation evaluation. Additionally, the student is observed by the cooperating teacher on a daily basis, and he/she is critiqued by the teacher on an on-going basis. Students receive both a mid-term and a final written evaluation for each placement.

The Auburn Project is an alternative senior year for elementary and special education majors. Under the program the student teaching is extended over two semesters. Certain courses are also delivered on site during the year. The student is in the classroom four full days a week and takes classes on the fifth. The student has four or five placements during the year. Each student has a support team which includes two UMF faculty members, a team leader (school person), mentor, and the teacher with whom the student is placed. The student is observed by both the school personnel and UMF faculty. The support team evaluates the student at least twice each placement and confers with the student every two weeks.

The prerequisites for student teaching are:

- (1) Completion of the professional education sequence;
- (2) Completion of 80% of the academic major;
- (3) Successful completion of a practicum; and
- (4) A 2.5 cum GPA.

Special Education students are required to do 25 hours of observation for one credit in SED 109 Freshman Field Experience. There is no formal evaluation of this experience. In SED 209 Sophomore Field Experience the student is committed to 25 hours in a special classroom under the supervision of a special education teacher who evaluates the student. There is no supervision or evaluation by college faculty in these two courses.

In Special Education there are three courses, 6 credits each, classified as clinical practices (SED 335 in MR, SED 345 in ED, and SED 355 in LD). These courses are taken in the junior year with the student placed in an appropriate field setting for 18 hours per week. The student is supervised and evaluated by a cooperating special education teacher. Additionally, a faculty member visits the student a minimum of three times per semester for evaluation purposes.

Speech correction majors are required to work with an individual child for 45 minutes per day five days a week for a full semester in SED 320 Practicum Experience in Speech Correction (4 credits). The college student is supervised and evaluated by a faculty member and speech therapist in the schools.

C. Writing/Math Proficiency:

All students are initially judged for minimum writing and math proficiency according to SAT scores in math and written English. Those below the cutoff point (44 test of written English, 400 Math) are required to take a placement test on Campus. The writing exam is evaluated by three readers. Based on these results, students below the satisfactory level are required to take noncredit writing and/or math courses. These courses are limited to 12 students. Anyone who has not taken the SAT must take these courses.

Additionally, proficiency is judged by particular grades. Students must have C's or better in English Composition and in all education courses.

Prior to student teaching, education majors must take the Core battery of the National Teachers' Exam. A satisfactory score must be achieved on this test.

IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

All transfer student education majors, whether external or internal, must have a 2.5 cum average and must have an interview. Transfers into the University generally need a 2.0 GPA. External transfers must wait one semester before applying to the Teacher Education Program in order to be evaluated on the basis of work performed at the University.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

The following changes in requirements were made over the past five years:

<u>Cha</u>	anges	Impact	<u>Date</u>
1)	30 hour academic major/content area for elementary and special education majors	Class or	F 1988
2)	Basic core change which had the effect of increasing the General Education (non- professional) requirements by six credits	Class of	F 1989
3)	Change of GPA requirements for Profes- sional Standing raised to 2.50 and re- quired core battery of N.T.E.	Class o	F 1989
4)	Change of Home Economics student teach- ing requirement from 8 to 10 credits	Class of	F 1988
5)	Dual certification requirements for either special education or elementary education by a major from other areas. Increased the minimum credits to be taken in the second area to 18 credits plus a student teaching placement. In effect this change plus the academic majors and basic core increase eliminates dual cer- tification in a four year program.	Class of	F 1987
6)	There is a requested change in the CPA	Tobee	at hv

- 6) There is a requested change in the GPA To be set by requirement for graduation for education the Faculty majors from 2.00 to 2.50 which is in Senate process. The department may also institute a change in required credits for graduation.
- 7) Auburn Project alternative senior year Class of 1986 for selected elementary and special education majors

Since most of the changes in requirements impact on classes which are in the process of completing their programs, assessment of particular changes will not be completed until the graduation of the classes listed above. Some preliminary results appear to be evident. The elimination of dual certification in elementary and special education within four years is apparent. The increase in requirements in the basic core and the 30 credit academic major/content area has restricted free electives a student might take to one or two in most cases and none for some students. The effect of other changes cannot be determined at this time.

CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. No. of Students currently enrolled:

Freshmen 24 Junio	ors 28
Sophomores 15 Senia	ors $\overline{33}$

B. No. of Faculty:

Total <u>3.75(FTE)</u> Full-time <u>3.0(FTE)</u> Part-time <u>.75(FTE-evening extension courses)</u>

Not included in the above are a full-time physical education instructor and a part-time supervisor for student teachers

C. <u>Majors offered</u>:

Undergraduate:

Graduate:

Elementary Education Junior High Education (No special ed. major but certification courses are offered. Certification courses for secondary teaching are also offered.) Educational Administration (brokered through the University of Maine)

D. Counseling Services:

A new method of counseling has been instituted at UMFK. The Freshman Advisement Committee advises members of the freshman class all year long the first year. This committee meets with incoming freshmen the summer before they actually start. After the freshman year, all students are advised informally by all the faculty. The small campus atmosphere enables students to be able to easily interact with all faculty. Counseling is also available to individual students.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. Initial Admissions

The Education Department does not play a role in the initial acceptance of freshmen. However, in the future the department hopes to set guidelines for admissions for education majors.

All students, except nursing students, apply to the Admissions Committee. Each student is expected to be in the upper half of his/her high school class and to have satisfactory SAT scores. All applicants for 4-year degree programs, even nontraditional students, must submit SAT scores. A minumum satisfactory score is 300-350. However, a student is never denied solely in the basis of the SAT score. Students can declare a major on the initial application, but this is not required. Declaration of a major must be made by the end of the sophomore year. Interviews are optional.

Graduation from an approved secondary school or equivalent is required. The following coursework is recommended for high school:

English 4 years Math 2 years Social Studies 2 years Science(with lab) 2 years Foreign Language

Students who have had little or no college preparation may be offered conditional admission to the Associate of Arts degree program. These students may be required to take developmental skills courses in the Special Services Program. Completion of the program in good academic standing constitutes official acceptance to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

B. Admission to Teacher Education Program:

There is no second acceptance into teacher education. However, students transferring from other programs or from an Associate of Arts Program must have a 2.5 cum GPA.

C. Acceptance/Attrition Rates:

The data regarding the acceptance rate is not available. Fifty-four percent of all declared education majors graduate from the Teacher Education Program.

III. GRADUATION/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>Coursework/GPA</u>:

Education majors must complete 128 units, must have a 2.0 cum GPA, and must not have any grade below C in 45 units of upper division coursework. Elementary Education majors and Junior High Education majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

General education requirements	43 units
(Humanities, Sci., Soc. Sci.	
Liberal Arts major/minor	30/18 units
Professional education sequence	37 units

Elementary education majors can substitute a multi-disciplinary major for the major/minor. This consists of 50 units of 3 academic minors.

There are no majors in Secondary Education or Special Education. However, courses are provided for students with other majors to meet certification requirements to teach in the secondary schools and for education majors to meet certification requirements to teach special education.

All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

B. Practicum:

Before student teaching, education majors have only about 15 hours practical experience in the schools. One course requires the student to visit a school for 3 hours. A reading course requires students to have 12 hours practical experience in the schools. This is an area that is in the process of changing.

Actual student teaching is a full semester, all day for 12 units. Before student teaching the student must have completed 6 required courses in the professional education sequence, psychology, and a sociology elective. A methodology course in the student's major is recommended.

The Director of student teaching and/or the supervising teacher observe the student and evaluate performance on a biweekly basis during a follow-up conference. Additionally, the director and supervising teacher hold group conferences regularly and individual conferences whenever necessary.

C. Writing/Math Proficiency:

All students are tested in math and language upon entering. Those who fail must take remediation courses and pass an additional test before going on. Writing and math proficiency is judged on these scores, English courses taken at the University, and on the GPA of each student.

IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students into the University must have graduated from a college preparation program from an approved secondary school, must have an acceptable high school class standing (generally upper half of the class), and must have minimum SAT scores of 398 Verbal and 425 Math. All transfers into the Teacher Education Program must have a 2.5 cum GPA in college coursework.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

The only recent change was the increase in number of units required for graduation (120 to 128). This change was instituted in the fall of 1984. No assessment is planned at this time of the impact of this change. CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. No. of students currently enrolled:

Freshmen 40Juniors 21Sophomores 30Seniors 25

B. <u>No. of Faculty</u>:

Total <u>10</u> (FTE) Full-time <u>8</u> (FTE) Part-time <u>2</u> (FTE)

C. <u>Majors offered</u>

Undergraduate:

Graduate:

None

Elementary Education (K-6) Junior High Education (6-9) Business Teacher Education

A minor in secondary education is presently being developed for liberal arts majors in order for them to be certified to teach. Implementation is planned for Fall, 1987.

D. Counseling Services:

UMM has a strong academic advising program. The Career Development/Placement Office offers comprehensive career planning. Students are helped to assess values and abilities. They are given assistance and workshops in resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies.

Psychological counseling is available to any student at the Counseling Center.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. <u>Initial Admissions</u>:

At present the Education Department does not play a role in the acceptance of freshmen. In the future the Education Department plans to have a committee to review all applicants and make recommendations to the Admissions Committee.

Students may or may not declare a major upon application. The University is mostly interested in the total student. SAT scores are required generally, but no minimum is required. Nontraditional students applying for the education program are not required to take SAT's. Quality of the student's work is more important than rank in class or in the distribution of coursework. This approach is necessary because there are many nontraditional students whose high school records may not be meaningful for admissions. For these students the work experience is an important criteria.

Generally no interview is required. However, if a student declares an education major, then the student must be interviewed.

It is recommended that students take the following courses in high school:

English 4 years Math 3 years Science 3 years Social Studies 2 years Fine Arts or Foreign Language 2 years

Some students with very weak records may be admitted on a conditional basis in order to prove themselves. Conditional students take developmental courses and receive special help in the Learning Center.

B. Admission into Teacher Education Program:

There currently is no second admission process into the Teacher Education Program. This is being considered for the future.

C. Acceptance/Attrition Rate:

About 93% of teacher education applicants are accepted. Percentages for the last 5 years are listed below. About 76-83% of these students graduate as education majors. Attrition rates for the last five years are listed below. These percentages reflect withdrawals, dismissals, transfers, and changes of major.

<u>Acceptance Rates</u>		<u>Attrition Rates</u>		
1982-83	84%	1981-82	23.6%	
1983-84	97%	1982-83	19.8%	
198485	89%	1983-84	18.3%	
1985-86	93%	1984-85	16.7%	
1986 - 87	93%	1985-86	22.8%	

III. GRADUATION/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>Coursework/GPA</u>:

Currently all education majors must complete 120 Units and must have a 2.0 cum GPA. Elementary majors must have a 2.25 cum in the professional education sequence. Junior High majors must have a 2.5 in the major area in order to graduate. The number of required units may be raised in the near future in the elementary program which is currently under revision.

Elementary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements (Eng.,34 unitsFine Arts, Sci., Math.,History, P.E.)Professional Ed. sequence28 unitsStudent Teaching15 unitsInterdisciplinary concentration15-18 unitsin Humanities, Soc. Sci.,or Sci./Math.

Junior High Education majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements	34 units
(same as above)	
Professional Ed. sequence	16 units
Student Teaching	15 units
Liberal Arts Concentration in	15-23 units
Eng., Soc. Sci., or	
Sci./Math.	

All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

B. Practicum:

Students begin getting practical experience in the schools as freshmen. Along with various courses, students get about 55 to 150 hours of field work before student teaching depending on the major (110-120 hrs., elementary; 55-65 hrs., junior high; 140-150 hrs., Bus. T.Ed.). Prior to student teaching in the elementary and junior high programs students must have completed 90 credit hours of course work including all required professional courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Elementary majors must have a 2.25 GPA in the professional education sequence, and Junior High majors must have a 2.5 GPA in the academic major. Additionally, each student must submit a satisfactory writing sample and must have a recommendation from the academic advisor. Business Teacher Education students are required to complete all course work prior to student teaching.

All teacher education students are required to complete a full semester of student teaching. Elementary and junior high majors have experience at two different grade levels during student teaching with most students changing placement at the end of the first quarter. Length of placement is flexible and may vary to ensure that an appropriate level of competency has been attained before changing placement.

Three full-day seminars are scheduled during the semester for elementary and junior high majors. One orientation seminar is scheduled for the group before student teaching, and a two-day seminar is scheduled at the end of the first quarter. Seminars include topics such as professional organizations, community support organizations, developing resumes, interviewing skills, and stress management. Students in Business Teacher Education have 5 seminars during the student teaching semester.

Student teacher supervisors are members of the Education Division or the Business Studies Division. The college supervisor must make a minimum of 6 on-site visitations during the semester.

C. Writing/Math Proficiency:

Math and English placement tests are administered to all students on enrollment. Test results determine placement in math and English courses. Courses are provided for both content areas if test results reveal a need for developmental course work. Before acceptance into student teaching, all students in the elementary and junior high programs are required to submit a satisfactory writing sample which is evaluated on general writing ability, grammar, spelling, and handwriting. Students must have completed English 102 and English II, before taking the writing sample. Each student must complete one of several remedial alternatives successfully if he/she fails any writing sample criterion.

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IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfers into the University must present evidence of good standing from the previously attended institution. All internal and external transfers into the Teacher Education Program are screened and must have at least a 2.0 cum GPA. The Education Department is considering increasing the GPA requirement.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

There have been no changes in programs in the last five years regarding credits required or in the minimum GPA. However, both the elementary and junior high programs were revised in 1984 to increase the number of general education (liberal arts) course requirements and to include a choice of three liberal arts areas of concentration. The content of the elementary program is presently under revision. A recommendation to increase minimum overall GPA in the elementary and junior high programs from 2.0 to 2.5 and the GPA in professional course work from 2.25 to 2.5 has been forwarded from the division to the faculty and administration for approval. CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MAINE (ORONO)

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. No. of students currently enrolled:

Freshmen <u>182</u>	Juniors	188
Sophomores <u>170</u>	Seniors	209

Part-time undergraduate <u>150</u> (evening & summer)

Transcript analysis students 140

Graduate students:

Masters and CAS <u>738</u> Doctoral <u>55</u>

B. <u>No. of faculty</u>

Total <u>38.24</u> (FTE) Full-time <u>35.5</u> (FTE) Part-time <u>2.74</u> (FTE) (50% of total time is devoted to graduate education)

C. Majors offered:

Undergraduate:

Graduate:

Elementary Education	Counseling
Secondary	Ed. Administration
Health/Phys. Ed.	Special Ed.
Art Education	Reading/Lang. Arts
(Music Ed. is offered	Reading Specialty
through the College of	Science Ed.
Arts & Sciences)	Social Studies Ed.
	Health/Phys. Ed.
	Elémentary Teaching
	Secondary Teaching

D. Counseling Services:

Students on a PPT, or professional preparation team (see Section III for explanation) are counseled continuously throughout their 4 years by the team leaders. Additionally, all freshman education majors take career and value assessment instruments, to which there is a follow-up on a group basis or individually if requested. These follow-up's are possible because of the graduate counseling program.

The University offers counseling services on a group or individual basis for personal, social, academic or psychological problems through the Center for Student Services and the Counseling Center. The Office of Career Planning and Placement provides counseling and assistance to students who are planning careers or who are seeking employment. Additionally, a new program called the Maine Mentor Program has recently been established. This program involves alumni who volunteer to be mentors in various careers. A significant number of these volunteers are in education.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. Initial Admissions:

Students declare their major on the application for admissions. Each department in the University sets guidelines for the admissions department to use in accepting students. There are differences from department However, all applicants must take the SAT to department. examination or the ACT examination. The Education Department expects a minimum combined SAT score of 800 and class rank in the top half of the class. The Education Department also requires 4 years of high school English, one year of Social Science, and 3 units of one and 2 of another from the following: Math, Science, Foreign Language. Exceptions are made for students with lower SAT scores if they are in the top 20% of their high school By way of contrast, the College of Arts and classes. Sciences expects a combined SAT score of about 760 and requires 4 years of English, 2 years of one Foreign Language, 3 years of Math (Algebra I & II, and Geometry), 1 year of History/Social Science, 1 year of Science with a lab, and electives which include certain subjects depending upon the anticipated major. Interviews are not required by the Department of Education for admissions.

Nontraditional students are not required to take SAT's. However, the high school record, courses taken and class standing are considered for admissions. Other than SAT scores, all other requirements are the same.

Other than setting guidelines, the Education Department does not play a part in the acceptance of students to the University. Students' SAT scores and high school records remain a part of students' records but are not used for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

B. Admission to Teacher Education Program:

When education majors are first admitted to the University, they are admitted to the College of Education and are called "education majors." However, at the end of the sophomore year, each student must apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program. In order to be admitted the student must have a 2.5 cum average (recently changed from 2.0), must have completed 60 semester hours (junior standing), and must have a recommendation from his or her advisor or team leader of the Professional Preparation Team (PPT) with whom several interviews have been conducted over the freshman and sophomore years. The cumulative portfolio of PPT students are reviewed at least annually, and usually at least once a semester.

If a student does not meet the GPA requirement, the student has up to 2 semesters to bring his or her grades up and is allowed to take courses in the program during that time. Seventy-five to eighty percent of the course work done in the first two years is in the science and liberal arts.

C. Acceptance/Attrition Rates:

Fifty-nine percent of all those who apply to the College of Education as new freshmen are accepted into the College of Education. The typical attrition rate in a class has been about 50%. However, even though 50 out of every 100 education students decide not to continue in the Teacher Education Program, these 50 are replaced by 75 new people who transfer into the College of Education from other majors. These high changeovers can be attributed to the early practical experiences and also to exposure to new subjects that were never taken in high school. Many students find that they may not like teaching or that there are other subjects they find more interesting. This figure appears to be changing now with the new PPT approach. The retention rate is now approaching 90% in the current sophomore class. This may be due to the fact that there is more prescreening. Those in the PPT program must commit themselves to leaving the University by 6:45 a.m. and riding a bus to the designated school beginning in the freshman year. Also, if a person waits to become an education major until after the sophomore year, the team experience cannot be recreated and the student must follow an alternative route, which is a combination of seminars and practical experiences.

III. GRADUATION/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>Professional Preparation Team (PPT)</u>:

Each freshman education major is assigned to a professional preparation team of about 25 people. The team consists of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors and is coached by a faculty member, 4-6 master teachers, and graduate assistants. The team is assigned to one public school or school system to which the team goes every Tuesday and Thursday morning, a total of at least 12 times a semester. During the four years education majors are involved with students at this school, they develop a portfolio with writing samples. They are counseled throughout by the master teacher and faculty member.

The Education Department has been transitioning into the PPT approach for four years. Currently about 300 students are part of a professional preparation team. Two of the 12 teams now have students from all four classes. Eventually there will be 17-20 teams, all of which will have students from all four classes.

B. Coursework/GPA:

Graduation requirements are somewhat in a state of change in anticipation of new NCATE requirements. The actual number of units required for graduation is still 120 but will likely change because of the demands of the PPT program to between 132 and 136. The required cum GPA has also recently risen from 2.0 to 2.5 in professional education courses and the major.

Elementary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

General education 44 Professional ed. sequence 37+ Academic field of concentration (major) 24

Secondary majors must meet the following distribution in order to graduate:

General education 36 Professional ed. sequence 22+ Field of concentration (major) 51-62

All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

C. Practicum:

Before student teaching each student must have a 2.5 cum average, a 2.5 average and no grade below C in the professional education sequence, a C or better in English Composition, and a recommendation from his or her advisor. Additionally, the student must have completed the professional education sequence and must have passed the speech and hearing diagnostic.

The actual current requirement for student teaching is 10 weeks, full day, although most students now do a full semester. Students who have been a part of a professional preparation team have had many teaching experiences by the time they are ready for student teaching. Thus, their student teaching is much more advanced and is called an "internship". They are given more responsibility and require less supervision. Therefore, the cooperating teacher is given more time away from his or her classroom to work with others on the professional preparation team.

Students in the College of Education following the alternative route who are not part of a PPT, as well as those from other colleges who are in the "certification sequence only", are required to student teach for a minimum of 10 weeks. They must meet the same prerequisites. Additionally, they must take seminars which attempt to give them some of the PPT experiences.

D. Writing/Math Proficiency:

Before the initial registration, all freshmen take writing and math proficiency exams. Any person who does not pass must register in the developmental programs. These developmental programs are designed to bring students up to minimum proficiency levels.

Education majors' writing and math proficiency levels are checked in additional ways. Each student must achieve a C or better in English Composition. The higher GPA requirements are another way to assure writing and math proficiency.

IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students coming from a 2-year, Associate Arts Program must have a 3.0 cum average to transfer into the Collège of Education. Students transferring from other 4-year programs must have a 2.5 cum average. Most meet this requirement easily, but occasionally students with less than a 2.5 are allowed to register for coursework while bringing up their averages. All requirements listed in the section regarding admission to the Teacher Education Program must be met eventually.

Some students are in the "certification sequence" only. These students are not admitted to the Teacher Education Program and are not PPT members. Some of these people already have degrees but don't qualify for certification. Others in this category are undergraduates who are staying in the College of Arts and Sciences but also want state certification. All of the people in this category must have a 2.0 in order to student teach. However, this requirement may change to a 2.5 in the near future.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

The new GPA requirement (2.0 to 2.5) affects the class of 1989 and all those who follow. The increase in units required for graduation (120 to 128 units) affects the class of 1988 and all those who follow.

The College of Education assesses the impact of changes each year. An assessment in the spring of 1986 showed that 8% of the elementary majors would be ineligible to student teach under the new requirements. Currently approximately 13% of the students are affected and physical education majors will probably be affected even more. CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. Number of students currently enrolled:

Part-time and full-time:

Freshmen <u>76</u>	Juniors	<u>37</u>
Sophomores 36	Seniors	

Graduate (all part-time) 98

B. Number of faculty:

Total <u>14</u> (FTE) Full-time <u>13</u> (FTE) Part-time 1 (FTE)-(4 people teach one course each)

C. <u>Majors Offered</u>:

Undergraduate

Graduate: *

Elementary Ed. Secondary Ed. Physical Ed. Educational Administration Curriculum & Instruction

* Both graduate degrees are offered through U.S.M. . U.S.M. faculty fly weekly to Presque Isle to teach courses.

D. Counseling Services:

There is a close relationship that develops between the faculty advisor and the student. Most counseling and guidance regarding coursework and teacher preparation come from the advisor. Additionally, psychological services are available on campus to all students.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. Initial Admissions:

All applicants to the University are expected to take the SAT if they graduated from high school within the previous 12 months. All students accepted without condition are expected to have a minimum total score of 800 based on SAT's, rank in high school class, high school courses taken, and letters of recommendation. Minimum high school courses required for all majors to be admitted without conditions are 4 years of English, 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I and II and Geometry or advanced Math), 3 years of science (with lab), and 3 years of Social Science. Two years of a foreign language are also recommended.

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Conditional acceptance requires that students either take courses to make up high school deficiencies or to enroll in Basic Studies. No interview is required but is encouraged for informational purposes only.

Nontraditional students are judged on high school course work, high school class standing, and any college transcripts. Other than SAT's, all admission requirements are the same.

Admissions decisions are made by an admissions committee. The Education Department does not have any role in the initial decision. However, the admissions decision is influenced by the declared major in relation to the academic record and quotas in various departments.

All records are forwarded to the student's academic advisor. The high school record and test scores remain a part of the record, but are not used in the admission to the Teacher Education program. They may be used to target problem areas later on.

B. Admission into Teacher Education Program:

At the end of 45 semester hours, students apply to be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. This is seen as a step in being allowed to continue in the program. Students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher and must have completed the following courses as part of the required 45 hours:

English Composition	6 Units (2.0 require	d)
General Psychology	3	
Math Elective	3	
Lab Science	3	
Speech Elective	3 (2.0 required)	
Exploratory ed. course	3	

In addition to the above requirements, writing proficiency is judged by looking at qualifying exams, coursework in English and Speech, and a writing sample in the application to the Teacher Ed. Program. These same requirements apply for students who switch majors.

Before admission to the Teacher Education Program students are part of the College of Education and are called "education majors". Before admission into the Teacher Ed. Program, students mostly take courses in the liberal arts and sciences. Only one education course is required, which includes 1 credit for 30 hours practicum in the schools.

Although there is room for some flexibility, there are no exceptions to the prerequisites for admission to the Teacher Ed. Program. If a student does not meet the requirements, the student may petition to take Division courses and may reapply for admission after one semester. No student may apply for admission to a teaching major more than twice.

C. Acceptance/Attrition Rates:

In 1985, 124 out of 127 freshman applicants, 97.6%, were accepted to the Teacher Education Program. In 1986, 142 out of 146 freshman applicants, 97.3%, were accepted to the Teacher Education Program.

The attrition rates for Teacher Education majors for Fall 1983 - Fall 1985 were as follows:

1983:	43.35%
1984 :	36,60%
1985:	36.84%

This rate takes into account such reasons as leave of absence, withdrawal, transfer, dismissal, relocation, and change of major.

III. GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Coursework/GPA:

Education majors must complete 128 units, must have a 2.0 cum average, and must have a 2.5 in the major area and professional education courses in order to graduate. Elementary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Subject area major	3036
General Education Core	35
(Sci./Math./Soc. Sci./	
Humanities/Art/Music/ /	
Health)	
Professional ed. sequence	39
Electives	14-20

Secondary majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

General ed. core	35
Professional ed. sequence	35
Major/Minor	30-59/18
(depending on the major)	

All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

B. <u>Practicum</u>:

Students have various practical experiences throughout their undergraduate years. The Exploratory Education course and Educational Psychology each have a 1 credit practicum which consists of 30 hours in the schools. Methods courses also incorporate practical experience. Student teaching is a full semester, all day for 15 credits. In addition, there is further optional student teaching. Practicum credits equal about 19 units altogether.

Students work with different faculty members, with different master teachers and in different schools for the various practical experiences. The 2 courses with a formal practicum combine observation and theory with actual teaching experiences. When an education major student teaches, he or she is part of an informal team consisting of a faculty member, a master teacher, the student, and sometimes the principal. There are at least 6 formal observations of the student with follow-up sessions with the informal team.

The following are prerequisites for student teaching:

1. Have a 2.5 GPA in the academic major and in the professional education sequences;

2. Have a 2.0 cum average;

3. Have completed 90 credit hours of coursework;

4. Have completed the professional education sequence;

5. Have attained satisfactory evaluation in all practicum experiences; and.

6. Possess and maintain adequate health.

C. Writing/Math Proficiency:

All students must either pass a qualifying exam or satisfactorily complete (2.0 or better) sufficient coursework in English, math and speech during the freshman year. Additionally, writing skills of education majors are judged before admission into the Teacher Education Program by using the letter of application. Students are also evaluated when instructors look at the logs which students keep for each practicum.

IV. TRANSFER STUDENTS

All external transfer students and all students switching majors must apply to the Teacher Education Program and must meet all prerequisites stated above. SAT scores are not required for external or internal transfers, but the high school record is considered along with college work completed.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

Increased high school requirements (from 2 to 3 years in math, science, and social students) affect students who entered in the fall of 1986. The increase in GPA (2.0 to 2.5) affects all students who entered in the fall of 1984 and after.

The University is not doing a formal assessment of these changes. However, a survey of graduates for the past 5 years will be completed sometime during 1987.

CAMPUS PROFILE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

I. EDUCATION PROGRAM PROFILE

A. Number of Students currently enrolled:

Freshmen <u>164</u>	Juniors 131
Sophomores 126	Seniors <u>144</u>
other part-time	students <u>250</u>
Industrial	Arts 46 (F-6, S-11, J-10, S-19)
Voc Ed	50 (F-7, S-9, J-10, S-24)

Number of Graduate Students:

School Administration	210
Instructional Leadership	100
School Counseling	118
Exceptionality	177
Adult Education	82
Professional Teacher(Phasing out)	66
Teachers for Secondary Schools	16
Instruc.Teach./Ed. Admin.(UMPI)	98
Total	867
Non-matriculating	484

B. Number of Faculty:

Total <u>34.5(FTE)</u> (Includes Graduate 14 FTE) Full-time <u>275</u> (FTE) Part-time <u>7.0</u> (Includes Graduate 5.5 FTE) These numbers are for credit bearing courses. They do not take into account responsibilities of chairs, extra advising, or selected administrative responsibilities.

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C. <u>Majors</u> Offered:

Undergraduate:

Graduate:

Elementary Education	Adult Education
Secondary Education	Counselor Education
Mathematics	Educational Administration
Art Education	Exceptionality
Music Education	Instructional Leadership
	Reading

D. Counseling Services:

Everyone in the College of Education has an individual advisor. Additionally, because of the structure of the field experiences and internships, a close relationship develops between faculty and students. Students are counseled continuously about their experiences in the field of education.

II. ADMISSIONS

A. Initial Admissions:

The College of Education does not play a role in the initial acceptance of freshmen. All applicants to the University are treated equally for admissions. However, high school coursework requirements vary depending on the proposed major. The SAT is required for those who have been out of high school three years or less. The Admissions Committee looks at the total person and admits those whose academic credentials and life experiences indicate potential for success in higher education. Since the median age of students is 27, SAT scores and high school rank often aren't applicable or available. No interview is required.

High school coursework requirements vary from college to college. Applicants for regular admissions who plan on an education major must complete the following high school courses:

English	4 years
Math (Algebra I, II & Geometry)	3 years
	(4 years for
	Secondary Education
	Mathematics)
Science (with lab) .	2 years
History/Social Science	2 years

Students whose academic backgrounds are deficient in coursework taken, high school grades, or on standardized test scores, but who show significant promise may be admitted with conditions. All persons admitted must satisfy minimum proficiency requirements in writing and math through competency testing or remedial coursework.

B. Admissions to Teacher Education Program:

Freshmen and Sophomores who want to major in education call themselves "pre-education" because they are not in the College of Education. Until a student is admitted to the College of Education, he or she takes courses in the core curriculum and in his or her major area. Students take only one exploratory education course prior to admission into the College of Education.

During the second semester of the Sophomore year, students apply for admission to the College of Education. In order to be admitted the student must:

- 1. have a 2.5 cum GPA and a 2.5 GPA in the major area;
- 2. have an interview with a team of faculty members;
- satisfactorily complete an exploratory education course that includes 4 hours/week in the schools;
- 4. be recommended by 2 faculty members, one from the major area and the other from the exploratory education course; and
- 5. submit a satisfactory essay which is judged on writing skills.

There are no exceptions to these requirements. All students must meet all the above requirements to be admitted to the College of Education.

C. <u>Acceptance/Attrition Rates</u>: (No information available)

III. GRADUATION/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>Coursework/GPA</u>:

Students graduating from the Teacher Education Program are required to complete a minimum of 127 credits and must maintain a 2.5 cum GPA, a 2.5 in the major, and a 2.5 in the professional education sequence. Music education majors and some elementary education majors, depending upon which liberal arts major is chosen, may graduate with many more credits than 127.

Elementary Education majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core curriculum	x	37
(This includes either a foreign or study of another cultúre)	language	
Liberal arts major or	minimum	36
Interdisciplinary major	(24 must	be in
	one area	э)
Professional education sequence		18
and developmental courses Internships		33

Secondary Education Mathematics majors must meet the following distribution requirements in order to graduate:

Core requirements37Major/Minor51/18Student Teaching12

All courses outside the professional education sequence are taught by members of other departments and are taken with students who have other majors.

B. <u>Practicum</u>:

Students must always maintain the 2.5 cum GPA in all areas in order to continue with the professional education sequence. Other than the prior field experiences, the first practicum is in the junior year. This practicum is a full day all semester for 15 units. Three or four faculty members go into the schools with a team of 15-16 students. Students are taught methods courses in Reading, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math, Exceptional Children, and P.E./Health on the site with integrated practical supervised experiences. The second semester of the practicum is the actual student teaching. There is cooperative supervision of the student by a faculty member and a teacher in the school. Both these supervisors also conduct seminars with the student teachers at the site.

There is a one semester alternative program for older nontraditional students who have already worked with children in other settings. Permission is granted for the alternative route only after a written request documenting experience is filed and approved by the clinical director. Six to eight students are placed in neighboring school sites. Each student teacher is supervised by a faculty member and a practitioner. The faculty member must make at least 6 visits during the semester. Biweekly seminars are conducted to enhance the cohort experience.

C. Writing/Math Proficiency:

All newly admitted students with a SAT Mathematics score below 450 or a Test of Standard Written English score below 43 must take the placement examinations. Students with unsatisfactory scores on these exams must take remedial courses.

For education majors writing proficiency is further evaluated by grades in all courses. All courses require essay testing in addition to multiple-choice type testing. Students must maintain a 2.5 cum average.

IV. TRANSFERS

All transfer students into the University must have good academic standing. Those from nonregionally accredited institutions must have a minimum 2.75 GPA. All persons applying for acceptance to the College of Education must meet the same requirements that other applicants to the College of Education must meet.

No SAT is required for transfer students. If a student has completed less than 30 credits, then the high school class standing is used in the decision and the student must take the placement exams. The high school record and the college record are both important criteria.

V. RECENT CHANGES AND IMPACT

The following recent changes impact those students beginning in the indicated year:

Admission to candidacy 2nd semester sophomore	1984
Required GPA across all curriculum 2.5	1984
127 credit hours to graduate	1983
Required major in liberal arts	1983

Undergraduate enrollment has risen by 5-7.5% since the enactment of these changes. In 1985 grade point averages for education majors at freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior levels were the highest of all USM colleges.

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APPENDIX A:

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UNIVERSITY	SAT (ACT) SCORES (generally)	HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK For Ed. Majors (*also for other majors)	<u>TABLE I.</u> INTERVIEW	<u>ADMISSIONS</u> HIGH SCHOOL GPA/Class Standing	2ND ADMISSION INTO TEACHER ED PROGRAMS	DECLARATION OF MAJOR	DIFFERENCES IN ADMISSIONS FROM OTHER MAJORS
Ft. Kent	Satisfactory score required; min. 300-350. (never denied solely on basis of score) Transfers min. 398 verbal 425 math	Recommended: English 4 Math 2 Soc Sci. 2 Sci (with lab)2 For. Lang recommended	optional but recommended	upper 1/2 of HS class	no	By the end of Sophomore yr - But can declare on application	Only nursing is different in SAT scores. Must have min. 500 on both verbal and math
Presque Isle	800 total minimum score which includes not only SAT's but HS GPA, rank in class, and courses taken (all majors). SAT only required if graduated in last 12 mos.	Required:* Eng 4 Math 3 Sci(w/lab)3 Soc Sci 3	optional	Considered in total score given	yes-after com- pletion of 45 hours	must declare after 1 sem- ester. Usually is stated in application	Admissions decision is influenced by proposed major, acad. record, & quotas
Machias	Scores are required with appl. no minimum score	Recommended:* Eng 4 Fine Arts or Math 3 For. Lang 2 Sci 3 Soc Sci 2	optional	Not specific- quality of work is more im- portant than distribution of courses	no	must declare within a yr. Can declare on application	All the same (no nursing program)
Farmington	No minimum score but SAT scores are re- quired. No test required if out of HS a period of time.	Recommended:* Eng 4 Math 3 Sci (w/lab) 2 Soc Sci 2 For. Lang 2	departmental interview required after acceptance	upper 1/2 of class are given preference	yes – end of sophomore year	upon entry	All treated the same (no (no nursing program)
Orono	All applicants must take. College of Ed wants a min. 800 combined score. But persons with lower scores are admitted.	Required: Eng. 4 Soc Sci 1 + 3 units of one and 2 units of another of the following: Math, Sci, For. Lang	not required	Seeks candi- dates whose scholastic achievement indicate pro- mise of success	yes during sophomore year, 2nd semester	can declare on application and can de- clare as a freshman	Each major is different in the requirements. Each department sets guidelines.
U.S.M.	Must take, except those out of high school 3 or more years (No minimum score)	Required: Eng 4 Math (Algebra I, II, Geometry) Sci (w/lab) 2 Soc Sci 2	not required	considered-but nothing speci- fically stated. All persons admitted must meet one of minimum pro- ficiency re- quirements in writing & math	sophomore year,	admitted usually as pre-education	all the same except for high school course work. <u>Most</u> other majors are required to take a For. Lang. Science, nursing, & For. Lang. majors have more stringent course work requirements.

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JNIVERSITY	# OF UNITS (Education)	# OF UNITS (others)	GPA-ED	<u>TABLE 1</u> GPA-OTHER		ION REQUIREMENTS MIN. COURSEWORK-ED	MIN. COURSEWORK-OTHER (ARTS & SCIENCES)	
⁻ t. Kent	128	120	2.0 cum no grade below C in 45 units upper division	2.0 cum no grade below C in 45 units upper division	12 units full sem all day		<u>r. High</u>) Lib Arts major/minor 30/18	1) Gen ed req's (43) + 6no hrs For. language
			•) Gen ed req's 43	2) Major/minor 30/18 or a field 50
						3) Prof ed 3) sequence 37) Prof ed sequence 43	3) 45 units upper div
Presque Isle	128	120	2.0 cum 2.5 in major area 2.5 in Prof. ed. sequence	major for B.A.	15 units full sem all day student teaching 4 other credits		Secondary 1) Gen. ed. req 34-35 or 2) Prof ed courses 35 or computers) 3) Major/minor 30-59/ 18	 Major/minor 30-70/ 18-24 Core req 49 (includes For. Lang Qualifying exam or sufficient course- work in Eng & Speech
				•		5) Prof ed 38		
Machias	120	120	2.5 prof. ed. sequence 2.0 major 2.0 cum	2.0 cum	15 units full sem all day	1)Core req's 34 1)Co (Eng,Fine (1 Arts,Sci, A Math,Hist,PE) Ma	<u>. High Secondary</u> ore req's 34 1)Core req's Eng,Fine 34(Eng,Fine rts,Sci Arts,Sci ath,Hist,PE) Math,Hist,PE) d courses 2)Major reqs 8 for B.A. or B.S.	 Core req's (same as for ed) (no For. Lang. requirement) Major/minor
						concentra- tion 15-18 (Humanities, Soc Sci, or		

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UNIVERSITY	# OF UNITS (Education)	# OF UNITS (others)	GPA-ED	TABLE II: GR GPA-OTHER	ADUATION REQUIREMENTS(Continued) PRACTICUM MIN. COURSEWORK-ED	MIN. COURSEWORK-OTHER (ARTS & SCIENCES)	
Farmington	122 (usually have 128)	120	Elem Ed min. 2.0 prof. ed courses & in major. (must have C or better in each course in Prof. ed. & major)	2.0 cum	16 unitsElem.full1) Lib. arts major 30semester,all day(8 units2) Core req 39for se-Sci, Soc Sci,condaryHumanities, Math,or jr.3) Psychology 18high)3) Prof ed courses 43	<u>Grades 7-12</u> 1) Subj. major/minor 30/18 or area major 50 2) Core req 39 3) Prof ed 37	 Major requirements (depending on major) Core requirements 39 (same as for ed) For. Lang. not required
Orono	120 (except 130 for a degree in Health, P.E. & Recreation) (PPT students 132 ⁻ hrs.)	120	2.5 in prof ed courses and major and 2.0 overall.	2.0 in major and overall		Secondary 1) Gen Ed 36 2) Prof Ed 18 3) Field of con- centration 51-62 4) Liberal arts units 60 total	 Major requirements (vary with department) 72 hours outside major Distribution requirements in 3 basic areas in Coll of Arts & Sciences (Some majors require a foreign language)
U.S.M.	127 min. (music ed, 139-142)	120	2.5 cum and 2.5 in liberal arts & prof. ed.	2.0 cum	33 unitsElem.1 semester1) Core curriculum 37in jr. yr.2) Liberal arts1 semestermajor 36in sr. yr.(24 must be in one(full area)semester, 3) Prof ed courses 18all day)and developmental4) Internships 33	Secondary 1) Core curriculum 37 2) major/minor 51/18 3) Student Teaching 12 (Only have a secon- dary prog in math major) teaching & a Math ed course	 Min. proficiency req's Core curriculum 37 (can test out of some) Departmental req's for major - units vary 30-96 For. lang. is encouraged for some majors but not required

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CAMPUS	EXCLUDING STUDENT TEACH.	CREDITS FOR PRAC- TICAL EX- PERIENCE	CONTACT HRS.	PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENT TEACHING	COHORT TRAINING DESCRIPTION	CREDITS	HOURS IN . SCHOOL
Farmington	EDU 202 Field Practicum (required)	3	6hr./wk 15 wks	 Completion of prof.ed. se- quence and 80% of acad. major Successful practical ex- experience Successful GPA 		16	15 wks; full day 450 hrs/ semester minimum
	EDR 466 Advanced Reading Practicum	3	7 1]2 hr/week for 15 weeks				
	EDU 361 Teaching Math in the Junior and Senior High School	3	15 hrs (tutoring)				
	Integrated Experiences: EDR 300 Elem.Reading EDR 303 Child's Lit. EDU 304 Teach.Science		5-10 hours				,
Fort Kent			· · ·	Completion of 6 required courses in prof. ed. sequence		12	15 wks; full day
	New Methods of Teach.			Must apply through the Super-			approx.
	Reading	1	12 hr.	visor of Student Teaching	vising Teacher		7 1/2 hr/
	Teachers reading in con-	1	12hr.		Biweekly observa-		day 562 1/2 hr/
	tent areas (not required for K-б)	1			vations and follow-up con-		semester
	Integrated Experience: Ed. Foundations (3 observations required)		Min. 3 hrs.	,	ferences. Group conferences.		Selles ter

TABLE III-PRACTICUM

CAMPUS	COURSES W/PRACTICUM CREDITS EXCLUDING STUDENT TEACH. FOR PRAC TICAL EX PERIENC	C- HRS. (-	PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENT TEACHING	COHORT TRAINING DESCRIPTION	CREDITS	HOURS IN SCHOOL
Machias	<u>Elementary Program</u> : (All Integrated Ex- periences)		1)Completion of prof.ed.se- quence 2)Satisfactory writing	Informal team: student,	15	14–15 wks; 500–600 hrs total
	EDU 111 Devel.Psych.	l hr.(ob- servation)	sample 3)2.0 cum 4)recommendation from advisor	faculty & cooperat-		
	EDU 112 School & Com- munity Practicum	30 hrs.		ing teach- er; 6 visi- tations; seminars	-	
	EDU 211 The Child as a Learner	8-10 hr.		during se- mester		
	EDU 304 Devel. Reading	12-15 hr.				
	EDU 341 Creative Arts	10-12 hr.				
	EDU 342 Sci/Soc.Studies	10 hr.				
	EDU 344 Math	8-10 hr.				
	PED 323 The Nature and De- velopment of Motor Skills	18-22 hrs.				
	EDU 402 Special Needs Workshop	4-6 hr.				
	<u>Jr. High Program</u> : (All Integrated Experiences)	~				
	EDU 111 & 112 (see above)		•			
	EDU 212 The Adolescent as a Learner	6 hr.				
	EDU 303 Reading in the Content Area	10-12 hr.				
	EDU 305-308 Jr/Sr High School Methods (Eng., Sci., Soc. Studies or Math) (Stu- dent selects one)	10-12 hr.				
	<u>Bus. Teacher Ed</u> :					
	EDU 111 & 112 (See above)	150-225 hrs. (summer				
	BUS 240 Field Practicum 3	(summer on job in office re- lative to field of study)				

TABLE III-PRACTICUM(Continued)

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CAMPUS	COURSES W/PRACTICUM EXCLUDING STUDENT TEACH.	CREDITS	CONTACT HRS.	PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENT TEACHING	COHORT TRAINING DESCRIPTION	CREDITS ,	HOURS IN SCHOOL		
Presque Isle	Courses with formal labs EDU 150	:1 Cr.	30 hr.	1)2.5 GPA in major & prof.ed. sequence 2)2.0 Cum GPA	Informal team: Student, principal,master teacher & faculty member	15	15 wks; full day approx. 7 1/2 hr/		
	EDU 200	1 Cr.	30 hr.	3)Completion of 90 credit hrs. 4)Completion of prof.ed. sequence	Minimum 6 formal observa- tions & follow-up by team		day 562 6 hr/semes.		
	Methods Courses (inte- grated Practical experiences)	2 Cr. equiv.		5)Satisfactory evaluation in each practicum		ı			
U.S.M.	EDU 100-Exploring Teaching as a profession	3 Cr.	4 hr.(4 weekly observations	2)Admission in T.Ed. program a.interview b.satisfactory practical ex- experience	practitioner and 1 faculty	33	2 semesters		
			tutoring			12 Cr. Student Teaching- alt. route)	15 wks alt.route (20 wks for Secondary Ed.) 35–40 hr./wk		
	Integrated Experiences: Included in first semest courses taught on site (
	EDU 303 Developmental Reading I								
	EDU 304 Practicum in Elementary Math								
	EDU 307 Practicum in Elementary Science								
	EDU 311 Practicum in Language Arts								
	EDU 335 Exceptional Children in the Classroom								

TABLE III-PRACTICUM(Continued)

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TABLE III-PRACTICUM(Continued)

MPUS	COURSES W/PRACTICUM EXCLUDING STUDENT TEACH.	CREDITS	CONTACT HRS.	PREREQUISITES FOR STUDENT TEACHING	COHORT TRAINING DESCRIPTION	CREDITS	HOURS IN SCHOOL
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Alterna	ate Route			1)2.5 cum average	Traditional team:	8	10 wks;
<u>Courses</u>	s requiring Field Experience			2)2.5 in prof. sequence	student, faculty,		all day
EdW472 tion	Workshop in Secondary Educa-	3	25	(C or better in each course)	cooperating teacher		approx.
ESC352	Teaching Science in the Se-	1-3	30	3)Prof.ed. sequence completed	+		7 1/2
condary	y School			4)C or better in Eng.Comp.	Seminars		day;
ESS341	Teaching Social Studies in	1-3	2530	5)Recommendation from advisor			375 hr/
	condary School			6)Passed Speech & Hearing			semester
ERL313/	/318 Teaching Reading and	1	20	diagnostic			
Languag School	ge Arts in the Elementary			·			
ERL317	Children's Literature	_	6				
Pre-stu	udent teaching seminar	1–3	15–45				
Prof. F	Prep. Team		که بای کا می بالد این بین این می ای شو بین با	Same as above	Professional preparation team:	12:	16 wks; (spring)
PPT hou	urs in the school		Approx.	•			all day
First	t year	3	55		Fresh through Sr. years		approx.
	nd year	3	55	<u>.</u>	Work with faculty, 4-6		7 1/2
		-			master teachers.		hr/
	year				+ 25 students with		day; 600
Third v	semester	1	25		master teachers.		hr/semes
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APPENDIX B:

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Please complete and return the application with the non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to the appropriate University campus.

Please complete the front of the Request for Academic Records and submit it to your high school guidance office for completion. Transfer candidates must request both their high school and college transcripts to be forwarded to the Admissions Office.

1. Print legal name in full						fem	ole
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2. *Social Security Number		. 3. Name used o	n previou	is records:	<u> </u>		
*number will	l be assigned to internati	ional students.	·				
4. I am applying for: Jan. 19 Sep	ot. 19;	_full-timepai	rt-time; .	day	ever	ning	no preferer
5. University campus to which I am applyi	ng						
6. Within this campus indicate the division	, school, or college						
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7. What is your intended academic progr	am or major?		······································			progra	m
8. UMF applicants—please indicate spec Progrom—Learning Disabilities, etc.) _	ific course of study	or option within	the majo	r (for exa	mple, with	in the Spe	cial Educat
9. UMA applicants—if you are applying t	o an off-campus cei	nter identified in #	5, please	indicate to	own/city		
0. Have you applied previously to this car	mpus as a degree c	andidate?	Yeo	r Applied .			
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B. City/Town/State of legal residence (if different from abo	ove)		;			
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Street	City		State	3			Zip
4. Have you resided in the State of Maine	e for purposes othe	r than education fo	or twelve	consecutiv	e months ii	mmediatel	y prior to y
enrollment?							
5. Home telephone (AC)		; Business/School	telephon	e(AC)		
6. Date of Birth/ Pla	ce of Birth				. Citizen of	·	Country
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7. List chronologically all current and prev	vious high schools, p	preparatory schools	and coll	eges atten	ded:		
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22. Are you a veteran?	; Are you e	ligible for veteran's educational	benefits?	
23. (Optional) If you wish to identif American Indian or Alasko Black, Non-Hispanic		n or Pocific Islander	hove a handicapping condi Handicapped	ition, pleose che
24. Financial Aid Information: All campuses of The Universify FAF form is available at any loc vary among the individual camp bulletins or catalogs.	al high school guidan:	quire submission of the College S ce office in the late fall. The dea consideration for aid, it is impo r	idlines for filing the applicat	tion after Janua
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26. Father's name	-		Occupation	
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28. Optional Information: Please share with us any additional information about you or your family which will be helpful as we evaluate your application.

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29. If you have been out of school or college for more than six months, please describe this experience.

30. Please indicate how your attention was called to this campus (e.g., counselor, college fair, high school visit, friend, mail).

31. Briefly describe the reasons that influenced your decision to attend college. You may also wish to include a description of your personal goals, educational/career objectives, and areas of academic interest.

Note: Applicants should be aware that The University of Maine System complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments (1972), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964) and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973).

The acceptance (and residence hall) deposit is forfeited if the applicant fails to notify in writing the Director of Admissions of withdrawal by May 1 for the fall semester—or January 1 for the spring semester. Deposits made after these dates are non-refundable.

My signature below verifies that the information on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Review this application to make sure information is complete.

(See reverse for page 4)

SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

This section is provided for candidates who wish to identify school and/or community activities in which they have participated. Each campus of The University of Maine System has many opportunities for students to participate in and to contribute to the student life of the University. Based on information provided in this section, contact may be made by the university campus you plan to attend concerning your interest in student organizations.

	Last Name	First Name		Middle	Nam	9		
32.	Community/Volunteer Activities (Employment expe Examples, military service, travel, hospital volunteer, se	riences which may have influenced rvice clubs)	your college	plans	; may	/ als	o be	noted.
33.	School Clubs & Activities (such as French Club, Student Government, Future Farmers)	Offices held	Gr 9	ades 10	parti 11	ipat 12	ied: PG	
34.	Honors & Awards (National Honor Society, Science Awards, etc.)	Offices held	9	10	11	12	PG	
35.	Music, Theatre, Visual Arts	Productions, instrument played or offices held		10	11	12	PG	
36.	Publications (Yearbook, newspaper)	Positions held	9	10	11	12	PG	
37.	Athletics	Position, varsity letter	9	10	11	12	PG	
	Height Weight							
38.	Hobbies or Speciol Interests							

APPENDIX C

TEACHER FORUM SUMMARIES

TEACHER FORUM SITES

- Site #1 Ft. Kent, covering northern Aroostook County (Geneva Kirk, Calvin Anderson) April 14, 1987, 4:00 p.m., Ft. Kent Community High School, Library
- Site #2 Presque Isle, covering central Aroostook County (Geneva Kirk, Calvin Anderson) April 15, 1987, 4:00 p.m., Presque Isle High School, Board Room
- Site #3 Millinocket, covering northern Penobscot and southern Aroostook Counties (Rusty Willette, Bob Gates) April 9, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Stearns High School, Room 120
- Site #4 Bangor, covering southern Penobscot and Hancock Counties (Steve Bost, Rusty Willette) April 17, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Bangor High School, Room D-4B
- Site #5 Machias, covering Washington County (Anthony Chiappone, Geneva Kirk) April 28, 1987, (site to be determined)
- Site #6 Belfast/Camden, covering Waldo and Knox Counties (Jerry Work, Diane Todd) (date and site to be determined)
- Site #7 Dover-Foxcroft, covering the Greenville, Milo, Dexter, Pittsfield area (Ross Fearon, Bob Gates) April 1, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Sodomocha Junior High School
- Site #8 Augusta, covering the capitol area, Waterville, Skowhegan and Farmington areas (Steve Estes, Steve Bost) April 15, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Cony High School, Room 201
- Site #9 Lewiston, covering Androscoggin, Oxford and northern Cumberland Counties (Ross Fearon, Geneva Kirk) April 9, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Montello School, East Ave., Library
- Site #10 Portland, covering the coastal corridor from Portland north to Bath (Carol Wishcamper, Bill Lawrence) March 30, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Portland Regional Vocational Technical Center, 196 Allen Ave., 2nd Floor Meeting Room
- Site #11 Kittery, covering York County (Bill Lawrence, Carol Wishcamper) April 6, 1987, 3:30 p.m., Traip Academy, Home Economics Room

TEACHER FORUM QUESTIONNAIRES

TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED: 34

QUEST. #1: EDUCATION

- 24 graduated from a University System Teacher Education Program
- 7 graduated from a liberal arts program either within the University System or at another institution
- 3 graduated from a teacher education program at some other institution

QUEST. #2: TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- The average length of teaching experience was 15 years.
- 9 respondents had 20 or more years; only 4 graduated in 1982 or later (of these, 2 graduated from a University System T.E. program.)

QUEST. #3: FACTORS INFLUENCING DECISION TO TEACH

٠	Teach/help/work with children	13
٠	Influence of Family/friends/teachers	3
٠	Get a job	2
٠	Appreciation for subject	1
٠	Opportunity to be creative	1
٠	Seemed natural	1

QUEST. #4: FACTORS HELPFUL DURING FIRST 5 YEARS OF TEACHING - Scale 1 (most important) to 9 (least important)

- Most important factors were student teaching experience (2.70, ranked most important by 13 respondents) and assistance from other teachers (2.84, ranked most important by 7 respondents).
- The least important factors were in-service programs (5.77, ranked most important by 1 respondent) and assistance from administrators (5.61, ranked most important by 0 respondents).
- In addition to the factors listed in the questionnaire, 3 respondents indicated that other teaching or related experience during summers or as teacher assistant was very important.
- Ranking of responses:

	student teaching	2.70
	assistance from other teachers	2.84
	practicum	3.64
	liberal arts courses	4,41
	education courses	4.57
	life experience	4.90
	graduate courses	4.97
	assistance from administrators	5.61
-	in-service program	5.77

QUES. #5: MIX OF LIB. ARTS/EDUC. COURSES

- Opinion was mixed
 - Too few lib. arts 16 -----
 - Too many lib. arts 7 ____ 8
 - Too few educ.
 - Too many educ. 9 5
 - About right mix -
- Comments
 - More emphasis on child psych., growth and development and relationship to teaching methos and curriculum content (4)
 - It's the quality of educ. programs, not the quantity that is a concern (2)
 - Need for courses in:
 - teaching critical thinking
 - school discipline
 - teaching elementary reading
 - Should require a "real" major with an education minor
 - Should increase education courses at the undergrad
 - level, liberal arts at the grad level

CLASSROOM EXPOSURE QUES. #6:

- 25 respondents said not enough time in the classroom is provided by University System T.E. programs
- 6 said about the right amount is provided; no one thought too much is provided
- Comments were numerous; a few examples:
 - student teaching should start early
 - (freshman/sophomore year) and increase yearly (6)
 - a year long internship should be required, perhaps as part of a 5 year program (3)
 - two 9 week clinical sessions should be required for every training teacher (2)
 - need a support system for student teachers
 - in conjunction with early clinical experience, need early counselling on the advisability of education as a major
 - there may be enough provided now (PPT program at UM)

QUES. #7: MASTERS DEGREE REQUIRED

- No.-22; yes-10
- Of those who favored requiring a masters:
 - one though it should be obtained in 1 year
 - five in 5 years
 - two in 10 years ----
 - one in 15 years
- comments
 - a long term requirement (over 15 years) to obtain a masters could prevent teacher burnout
 - masters should be required to attain profession certification

- greater compensation should be provided to those who have a masters than is currently provided
- it would be too expensive
- a 5th year leading to a masters should combine full time teaching with 2 courses to integrate that experience and pay at 2/3 rate of certified teachers
- there are too few masters level courses available in the state
- if it were required, most teachers would have to go out-of-state

QUES. #8: ADMISSION/GRADUATION STANDARDS

- Admission: Too high O, Too low 18, About right 9
- Graduation: Too high O, Too low 19, About right 8
- Comments:
 - not just anyone should be able to graduate from a T.E. program; education students want to be challenged academically
 - if standards are raised, salaries should be raised too
 - good teachers range in intelligence from gifted to
 - average or below; we need to attract those with the
 - "gift" to teach, not necessarily the smartest
 - 20 years ago the standards were too low; they may be ok now

QUES. #9: INVOLVEMENT OF TEACHERS IN DECISION MAKING

- All teachers who responded to this question (31) felt involving teachers in the decision making process was an important recruiting tool.
- Twenty-one felt they were sufficiently involved at their schools; 7 did not.
- The comments indicated (1) that improvement in this area has recently occurred or is beginning to occur, although perhaps somewhat grudgingly, (2) that this type of responsibility may be more important to experienced transfers than "new" teachers, and (3) that teachers have to be competent and use their additional authority well in order to be granted more responsibility.

QUES. #10: NEW TEACHER CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

- 13 respondents thought they are adequate, 4 thought they are not
- 4 respondents thought they are too restrictive; 3 not restrictive enough
- 7 respondents thought they are too complex
- 12 thought they offer too many levels of certification
- Comments:
 - 12 people thought the master teacher concept should be eliminated or modified
 - subject matter needs more emphasis
 - training in discipline should be assured

- special ed. requirements are too restrictive
- need more time to experience the requirements before judging

QUES. #11: ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Need more emphasis on class and time management and paper work related responsibilities
- Encourage University/public school partnership in teacher preparation
- University education faculty should remain current
- T.E. programs should pay more attention to real world issues, e.g. social problems in the family and community and economic constraints on school systems
- Some teachers succeed without undergrad education courses and clinical experience; the key is attracting prospective teachers with the "gift" of motivating students, which cannot be taught
- Can attract best teacher candidates by raising the admission/graduation standards and by increasing the pay
- A support system for beginning teachers is important, but costly in time and money
- Don't need a PhD to supervise student teachers (?)
- Need to prepare elementary foreign language teachers

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APPENDIX D

TEACHER SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

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SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY TEACHER TRAINING **TEACHER SURVEY**

What You Are Now Doing

Are you currently teaching in an elementary, a junior high, or a high school?

1a () Elementary school (Grades K-6) 1b () Junior High School (Grades 6-9) 1c () High School (Grades 9-12) 1d () Not currently teaching, but did teach K-6 ____ 6-9 ___ 9-12 ____

What subject(s) are you certified to teach? What subject(s) do you currently teach or have most recently taught? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

	Certified	Currently Teach		Certified	Currently Teach
 2a All elementary subjects 2b Art and music 2c Biological sciences 2d Business 2e Computer science 2f English/Language arts 2g Foreign languages 	() () () () () ()	() () () () () ()	2h History 2i Mathematics 2j Physical education 2k Physical sciences 2l Reading 2m Social sciences 2n Special education 20 Vocational education		
			2p Other	()	()

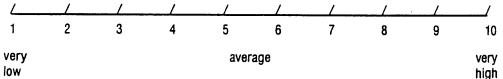
What percent of your total teaching time each week is spent in teaching grades or subjects that are DIFFERENT FROM your MAJOR FIELD OF COLLEGE PREPARATION?

3a ()	ľ	None 3b () 1-24%	3c ()	25-49%	3d ()	50-74%	3e ()	75-99%	3f ()	100%
3g ()	ľ	Not currently teaching	ng								

How many years of PROFESSIONAL TEACHING experience have you completed, including the current year?

Full	Part	Full	Part	Full	Part	Full	Part
Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
4a() 4b()	() 1 year () 2 years	4c() 4d()	() 3-4 years () 5-9 years	4e () 4f ()	() 10-14 years () 15-19 years	4g ()	() 20 or more years

5. How would you rate the academic ability of the MAJORITY of the students you taught last year? (Circle the appropriate number)



6. (A) How many students are there in the largest class that you teach? _____ students

(B) How many students are in the smallest class that you teach? _____ students

Suppose you could go back to your college days and start over again, in view of your present knowledge, would you become a teacher again? (Check one.)

7a () Certainly would become a teacher. 7c () Chances about even for and against.

7b () Probably would become a teacher.

7d () Probably would not become a teacher.

7e () Certainly would not become a teacher.



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The School Where You Are Teaching

How many classroom teachers are there in your school building? (Include yourself and all full-time employees whose work load is half time or more classroom teaching.)

8a () 9 or less 8c () 15-19 8e () 25-29 8g () 35-39 8b () 10-14 8d () 20-24 8f () 30-34 40 or more 8h() What income level would you judge the MAJORITY of your pupils come from? -9a () Upper income 9c () Lower middle income 9b () Upper middle income 9d () Lower income How would you describe the kind of community in which your school is located? 10a () Urban 10b () Suburban 10c () Small town (NOT suburban) 10d () Rural In what county is your school located? 11a() 11i () Oxford Androscoggin Somerset 11e () Hancock 11m () 11b() Aroostook Waldo Kennebec Penobscot 11f () 111 () 11n (11k () Piscataquis 11c () Cumberland Washington 11g () Knox 110 () 11d () Franklin 11p () York 11h () Lincoln 111 () Sagadahoc What academic degrees have you received? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) 12a () Bachelor's in education Master's in other field 12g () Other, specify:_ 12d () 12b () Bachelor's in other field 12e () Doctorate in education 12h () No Degree 12c () Master's in education 12f () Doctorate in other field

Check the appropriate spaces which indicate the type(s) of institution(s) from which you obtained your degree(s).

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13a Bachelor's degree 13b Master's degree 13c Education specialist or professional diploma based on 6 years of college	((())	((()))	(())	((())		((()))	()))	())))'	<u> </u>	())))	(()))		())
13d Doctorate	()		()	()		()		()		()		1	()		()	()		()
14. What grade point ave	ərag	e c	lid	yo	u r(ece	eive	in	you	r u	nde	ergra	adu	ate	e w	ori	(?		. (G P/	۹)						
Attitudes Toward Your P	rofe	ssi	ona	al E	du	ica	tio	1																		

15-A. Overall, how would you rate courses you've taken in education within the last five years on a scale of 1 to 7?

(Circle appropriate number)

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15-B	What was the most valu	able aspect of your t	eacher education trair	ing program?			
15-C	What was the least val	uable aspect of your	teacher education trai	ning program?			

With regard to your education and training as an undergraduate, how **satisfied** as a whole were you with the following? (Please circle one number on each line)

		Very	Somewhat	Neutral or No	Somewhat	Very Dissatisfied
		Satisfied	Satisfied	Opinion	Dissatisfied	
16a	The ability and knowledge of most teachers	1				5
16b	The social life	1	2	3	4	5
16c	Development of my work skills	1	2	3	4	5
16d	My intellectual growth	1	2	3	4	5
16e	Guidance by faculty	1		3	4	5
16f	Career counseling					
16g	Job placement					
16h	Student loan system	1	2	3	4	5
16i	Amount of financial support available from					
	the school					
16j	The buildings, equipment, etc.					
16k	Library resources, etc.	1		3	4	5
161	Cultural activities, music, art, drama, etc.					
16m	The intellectual life of the school					
16n	Core teaching courses					
160	Methods courses					
16p	Practicum courses					
16q	The quality of instruction					
16r	Return on financial investment					
16s	The prestige of the school	1	2	3	4	5
16t	Skill in computer technology					
16u	Currentness of instructor's knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
16v	Sports & recreation facilities	, 1		3	4	5

How satisfied were you with the following aspects of student life at college? (Please circle one number on each line)

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	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral or No Opinion	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
17a Your academic development such as knowled	dge				
acquisition	1		3	4	5
17b Your intellectual orientation and attitudes					
towards learning	1		3	4	5
17c Your personal development such as under-					
standing your own abilities	1		3	4	5
17d Your personal skills such as problem solving					
and interpersonal effectiveness	1		3	4	5
17e Your gains in humanism and altruism such a					
social concerns	1		3	4	5
17f Your gains in cultural and aesthetic awarene					
such as sensitivity to the arts			3		5

In your opinion, how **important** is it for a teacher at your grade level to be knowledgeable about each of the following: (Please circle one number on each line)

		Extremely Important	Somewhat Important	Somewhat Unimportant	Not Important At All	Not Sure
18a	International current events					
18b	National current events					
18c	American history		2	3	4	5
18d	Events or movements of special historical or social significance, e.g. the Depression, the Holocaust, the Civil Rights Movement, the Women's Movement		2	3	4	5
18e	Subject matter of courses taught	1			4	5
18f	Oral and written grammar & usage	1	2		4	5
18g	Economics					
18h	Mathematics					
18i	American politics					
18j	Education as a field of knowledge	1	2		4	5
18k	Teaching methods					
181	Child/adolescent development					
	American culture	1	2			5
18n	School law (e.g. exceptional students, the handicapped, minorities, school reform, etc.					
180	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	1			,.4	5
18p	Mainstreaming handicapped children	1		3	4	5

When you first started teaching, how well did you feel your course work prepared you for the following aspects of teaching? (Please circle one number on each line)

	•	Excellent	Adequate	Inadequate	Very Inadequate	Not Sure	Not Addressed
19a	Subject matter knowledge	1	2	, 3	4	5	6
	Teaching methods						
19c	Classroom management/discipline	1	2	3	4	5	6
19d	Organizing instruction	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Recognizing student learning styles						
	Motivating to enter/stay in teaching						
	Understanding child/adolescent developmen						
-	Working effectively within the school						
19h	organization		2	3	4	5	6
19i	Understanding school law						
19j	Understanding substance abuse						
19k	Use of instructional materials, audio-visuals,						
	etc		2		4	5	6
191	Dealing with handicapped students	1	2	3	4	5	6

Below are listed some reforms that might be adopted to produce high quality teachers in the future. For each please indicate the degree to which you think each reform would help to produce high quality teachers.

(Please circle one number on each line)

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			•	Would	
		Help	Help a	Not Help	Not
		a Lot	Little	At All	Sure
20a	Upgrading accreditation standards for teacher-training program	S			
	at college	1			4
20b	Upgrading admission standards for students optaring teacher				
_	training programs at college	1			4
20c	Placing more emphasis on subject skills, rather than teaching skills during teacher training				
	skills during teacher training	1			4
20d	Placing more emphasis on teaching skills, rather than subject skills during teacher training				
	skills during teacher training	1		3	4
20e	Requiring all teachers to earn a bachelor's degree in an academi	с			
	Requiring all teachers to earn a bachelor's degree in an academi subject plus a Masters degree in education	1			4
20f	Making the school district more responsible for training new				
	teachers after they finish their formal education	1		. 3 <i></i> .	4
20g	 Description neuro tenero tenero o economizand emprecationechim en 				
	internship before being certified	1		3	4
20h	Requiring a full professional examination modeled after law				
	board or medical board exams	1			4
201	Testing teachers periodically in their subject areas	1		3	4
20j	Improved faculty/student interaction during teacher training	1		3	4
20k	Additional classroom time in the schools	1		3	4
201	Additional loan programs during teacher training	1			4
20m	Providing subsidies for graduate study in return for commitmen	t			
•	to teach in underserved subject or geographic areas	1		3	4
20n	Requiring earlier classroom experiences	1		3	4
200	Requiring more classroom time in schools during teacher trainin	g.1	2	3	4
20p	Periodic evaluations and career counselling during training	1		3	4
20q	Requiring teacher training programs to certify their graduates				
	as being qualified to teach	1			4
20r	More personal contact with the faculty/graduates	1		3	4
20s	More emphasis on oral skills				
20t	More emphasis on classroom style	1		. 3	4

Below are listed some suggestions for improving relations between schools (K-12) and colleges/universities. Based on your overall experience at your school, and regardless of whether or not your school already has such a program, please indicate the effect that you think that each would have on education in general.

(Please circle one number on each line)

	Strong Positi Effec	ve Positive	Somewhat Negative Effect	Strongly Negative Effect	No Effect At All	Not Sure
21a	Colleges opening certain courses to particularly					
	bright high school students1.	2.	3	4	5	6
21b	Colleges offering advanced courses to teachers					
	in their own subject specialties1.		3	4	5	6
21c	Colleges placing liberal arts undergraduates in		-			
	internships in the public schools		, 3	4	5	6
21d	Colleges sponsoring seminars for teachers'					
21e	in-service training1.		3	4	5	6
	Colleges offering minicourses1.		3	4	5	6

21f	A formal arrangement between colleges	and					
	schools (K-12) for teacher development		2	3	4	5	6
21g	Colleges assigning faculty to schools for	a					
	semester		2	3		5	6

Now, a few questions about your professional growth activities since you have been teaching

Below are listed several types of professional growth activities. Please indicate if you have participated in any of these.

				NG THE						NG THE	
		PAST	YEAR	PAST 5	YEARS			PAST	YEAR	PAST 5	YEARS
22a	Sabbatical leave:	()	()	22f	Committee work or special				
22b	Other educational travel	ì	í l	ì	í.		assignment OTHER				
22c	System-sponsored workshops	``	/	`	'		THAN curriculum	()	()
	during school year	()	()	22a	University extension courses	ì	í	ì	ý
22d		•					College courses in EDUCATION	``	,	`	'
	during summer	() .	. ()		during school year	()	()
22e	Work on curriculum committ	ee (j –	ì	ý	22i	College courses in subject	``	,	```	'
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							EDUCATION during				
							school year	()	()
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		-				-	EDUCATION during the summer	ì	ý	ì	ý
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To what extent have recent professional development opportunities available to you in your school or school district helped you to improve your teaching skills?

23a Helped very much	()
23b Helped, but not very much	()
23c Not helpful at all	()
23d Have not participated in such activities	()

Which of the following phrases best characterizes your personal need for professional development opportunities in the following areas? (Please circle one number on each statement)

		High	Moderate	Low
24a	Use of computer	1		3
24b	Helping the handicapped in the regular classroom	1		3
24c	Helping the gifted learner in the regular classroom	1		3
24d	Influencing school and/or district policy	1		3
24e	Motivating students	1		3
24f	Techniques to individualize instruction	1		3
	Use of teaching aids			
24ĥ	Teaching reading skills	1		3
24i	Teaching writing skills	1		3
24j	Implications of effective schools research			
24k	Teaching math skills	1		3
241	Classroom discipline	1		3
24m	Modifying institutional methods to suit class size	1		3
24n	Student learning styles	1		3
240	Parent relations skills	1		3

		High	Moderate	Low
24p	Effective homework	1		3
24q	Management of institutional time	1	2	, 3
24r	Test interpretation	1		3
24s	Student relations skills	1		3
24t	Grading/Promotion	1		3
24u	Test construction	1		3
24v	Teaching methods			3
24w	Content in subject area in which I teach	1		3
24x	Professional time to stay current in my subject area	1		3
24y	Professional time to prepare for lessons	1		3
24z	Information on available innovative grants programs	1		3
	Management skills			
24bb	Retraining in new subject areas	1	. 2	3
24cc	Community relations	1		3
24dd	Guidance Counseling	1		3

Now, one overall question

Please indicate the degree to which you think each of the following is a problem with public schools in the community in which you teach. (Check as many as apply.)

	PROBLEM IS:			
	MAJOR	MODERATE	MINOR	NO PROBLEM
25a Lack of parent interest/support	()	()	()	()
25b Lack of proper financial support	()	()	()	()
25c Pupils' lack of interest in school (motivation)	()	()	()	()
25d Truancy rate		()	· ()	()
25e Lack of discipline	· ()	()	()	()
25f Problems with the administration	()	()	()	()
25g Poor curriculum/poor standards	()	()	()	()
25h Substance abuse by students	()	()	()	()
25i Low teacher salaries	()	()	()	()
25j Difficulty getting good teachers		()	()	()
25k Large schools/overcrowding		()	()	()
251 Teachers' lack of interest	• •	()	()	()
25m Lack of respect for teachers	• •	()	()	()
25n Lack of respect by students for other students	• •	()	()	()
250 One-parent households	• •	()	()	()
25p Lack of public support	· · ·	()	()	()
25q Communication problems between teachers and administrators		()	()	()
25r Government interference/regulation	• •	()	()	()
25s Lack of proper facilities	· · ·	()	()	()
25t Parental involvement with school activities	· · ·	()	()	()
25u Mismanagement of funds/programs	· · ·	()	()	()
25v Substance abuse by faculty	• •	()	()	()
25w Substance abuse by administration	· · ·	()		()
25x Family disfunctions that affect the child's ability to learn		()		
25y Poor morale in the school building	· · /	()	()	
25z Poor teacher attitude	()	()	()	()

Finally, a few questions about yourself to relate to the other answers that you've given

26. How old are you? _____ years of age

What is your sex? 27a () Male 27b () Female

Which of the following income categories best describes the 1985 income you derived from teaching, before taxes? Was it

28a () \$15,000 or less 28b () \$15,001 to \$20,000 28c () \$20,001 to \$25,000 28d () \$25,001 to \$30,000 28e () \$30,001 to \$35,000 28f () \$35,001 or over 28g () Not sure

This Legislative Commission really wants to improve the quality of Teacher Education in Maine. We sincerely appreciate your help in this effort. Please return this completed survey by March 14th in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you would like a copy of the survey results and/or a copy of the Commission's final recommendations to the 113th Legislature, please write:

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APPENDIX E

SURVEY FREQUENCY RESPONSES

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SURVEY FREQUENCIES

Special Commission to Study Teacher Training Teacher Survey (N = 305)

Q.1 Are you currently teaching in an elementary, a junior high, or a high school?

TEACH IN ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
	1			
Elementary School	163	53.4	163	53.4
Junior High School	47	15.4	210	68.9
High School	73	23.9	283	92.8
Elem. and Junior High	11	3.6	294	96.4
Junior and Senior High	11	3.6	305	100.0

Q.2 What subject(s) are you certified to teach? What subject(s) do you currently teach or have most recently taught. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

CERTIFIED AND CURRENTLY TEACH

2a All elementary subjects	i	2i Mathematics	25 (8.2%)
2b Art and music	100 (32.7%)	2j Physical ed.	21 (6.9%)
2c Biological sciences	20 (6.0%)	2k Physical sci.	11 (3.6%)
2d Business	13 (4.2%)	21 Reading	9 (2.9%)
2e Computer science	5 (1.6%)	2m Social sci.	12 (3.9%)
2f English/Language arts	19 (6.2%)	2n Special ed.	57 (18.6%)
2g Foreign languages	4 (1.3%)	20 Vocational ed.	6 (2.0%)
2h History	4 (2.9%)	2p Other	19 (6.2%)

Q.3 What percent of your total teaching time each week is spent in teaching grades or subjects that are DIFFERENT FROM your MAJOR FIELD OF COLLEGE PREPARATION?

PERCENT TIME TEACHING GRADES IN SUBJECT AREAS WHERE NOT TRAINED

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
	4	•	•	•
None	213	70.5	213	70.5
1 to 24%	39	12.9	252	83.4
25 to 49%	9	3.0	261	86.4
50 to 74%	12	4.0	273	90.4
75 to 99%	15	5.0	288	95.4
100%	14	4.6	302	100.0

Q.4 How many years of PROFESSIONAL TEACHING experience have you completed, including the current year?

YEARS FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
1 year 2 years 3 to 4 years	25 29 81 171	10.3 28.8 60.9	29 110 281	10.3 39.1 100.0

YEARS PART TIME TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
	266			
l year	22	27.5	22	27.5
2 years	28	35.0	50	62.5
3 to 4 years	23	28.8	73	91.3
5 to 10 years	3	3.8	76	95.0
11 to 14 years	2	2.5	78	97.5
15 to 19 years	1	1.3	79 [·]	98.8
20 years plus	1	1.3	80	100.0

How would you rate the academic ability of the MAJORITY of the students you taught last year? Q.5

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
	18	•		•
0	1	0.3	i	0.3
10	11 /	3.8	12	4.2
15	1	0.3	13	4.5
20	27	9.4	40	13.9
30	31	10.8	71	24.7
35	6	2.1	77	26.7
40	37	12.8	114	39.6
45	2	0.7	116	40.3
50	59	20.5	175	60.8
55	7	2.4	182	63.2
60	47	16.3	229	79.5
65	2	0.7	231	80.2
70	32	11.1	263	91.3
75	4	1.4	267	92.7
80	16	5.6	283	98.3
90	4	1.4	287	99.7
100	1	0.3	288	100.0

Q.6 (A) How many students are there in the largest class that you teach? 21 and over (48.5%)

(B) How many students are in the smallest class that you teach? 21 and under (49.7%)

Q.7 Suppose you could go back to your college days and start over again. In view of your present knowledge, would you become a teacher again?

	Frequency	Percent
Certainly would Probably would Chances even Probably wouldn't Certainly wouldn't	4 117 99 55 27 4	38.7 32.8 18.2 8.9 1.3

The School Where You Are Teaching

Q.8 How many classroom teachers are there in your school building? (Include yourself and all full-time employees whose work load is half time or more classroom teaching.)

	Frequency	Percent
	3	
9 or less	44	14.5
10 to 14	52	17.2
15 to 19	39	- 12.9
20 to 24	43	14.2
25 to 29	24	7.9
30 to 34	31	10.2
35 to 39	20	6.6
40 or more	50	16.5

Q.9 What income level would you judge the MAJORITY of your pupils come from?

	Frequency	Percent
Upper Upper Middle Lower Middle	3 4 40 182	1.3 13.2 60.1
Lower	77	25.4

Q.10 How would you describe the kind of community in which your school is located?

	Frequency	Percent
Urban Suburban Small town Rural	7 29 40 119 111	9.7 13.4 39.8 37.1

Q.11 In what county is your school located?

	Frequency	Percent
Androscoggin	11	3.7
Aroostook	27	9.2
Cumberland	40	13.6
Franklin	6	2.0
Hancock	16	5.4
Kennebec	30	10.2
Knox	9	3.1
Lincoln	5	1.7
Oxford	14	4.7
Penobscot	35	11.9
Piscataquis	· 6	2.0
Sagadahoc	13	4.4
Somerset	12	4.1
Waldo	18	6.1
Washington	13	4.4
York	40	13.6

Q.12 What academic degrees have you received?

A. BACHELOR IN ED. OR OTHER FIELD

B. MASTER IN ED. OR OTHER FIELD

	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
In neither	6	2.0	In neither	280	91.5
Degree in other	63	20.6	Degree in other	7	2.3
Degree in ed.	219	71.6	Degree in ed.	19	6.2
Degree in both	18	5.9	5		

C. DOCTORATE IN ED. OR OTHER FIELD

	Frequency	Percent
In neither	306	100.0

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Q.13 Check the appropriate spaces which indicate the type(s) of institution(s) from which you obtained your degree(s).

A. BACHELOR OBTAINED FROM		B. MASTER OBTAINED FROM			
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
UM USM UMF UMFK MACHIAS UMPI PUB NOT ME NONPUB IN ME	2 84 34 63 5 11 16 50 7	27.6 11.2 20.7 1.6 3.6 5.3 16.4 2.3	UM USM PUB NOT ME NONPUB NOT ME	278 7 8 5 8	25.0 28.6 17.9 28.6
NONPUB NOT ME	34	11.2			

Q.14 What grade point average (GPA) did you receive in your undergraduate work?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
	17	•	•	•
200	1	0.3	1	0.3
220	1	0.3	2	0.7
230	2	0.7	4	1.4
240	1	0.3	5	1.7
243	1	0.3	5 6 7	2.1
245	1	0.3		2.4
250	11	3.8	18	6.2
252	1	0.3	19	6.6
254	1	. 0.3	20	6.9
257	1	0.3	21	7.3
260	4	1.4	25	8.7
267	1 /	0.3	26	9.0
270	9 1	3.1	35	12.1
272		0.3	36	12.5
275	1	0.3	37	12.8
280	15	5.2	52	18.0
285	1	0.3	53	18.3
290	5 1	1.7	58	20.1
295		0.3	59	20.4
299	4	1.4	63	21.8
300	35	12.1	98	33.9
303	1	0.3	99	34.3
305	1	0.3	100	34.6
310	9 1	3.1	109	37.7
314		0.3	110	38.1
320	31	10.7	141	48.8
325	2 13	0.7	143	49.5
330	13	4.5	156	54.0

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	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
333	1	0.3	157	54.3
335	1 2	0.7	159	55.0
340	26	9.0	185	64.0
343		0.3	186	64.4
345	1 2 1	0.7	188	65.1
347	1	0.3	189	65.4
350	25	8.7	214	74.0
351	1	0.3	215	74.4
360	19	6.6	234	81.0
365	1	0.3	235	81.3
366	1	0.3	236	81.7
367	1 3 1 8 1 1 3 2 17	1.0	239	82.7
369	1	0.3	240	83.0
370	8	2.8	248	85.8
371	1	0.3	249	86.2
373	1	0.3	250	86.5
375	3	1.0	253	87.5
378	2	0.7	255	88.2
380		5.9	272	94.1
385	2 2 1	0.7	274	94.8
387	2	0.7	276	95.5
388	1	0.3	277	95.8
389	1	0.3	278	96.2
390	5	1.7	283	97 . 9
396	1	0.3	284	98.3
398	1 4	0.3	285	98.6
400	4	1.4	289	100.0

Attitudes Toward Your Professional Education

Q.15 A. Overall, how would you rate courses you've taken in education within the last five years on a scale of 1 to 7?

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	Frequency	Percent
	10	•
10	16	5.4
15	1	0.3
20	64	21.6
30	7.1	24.0
40	77	26.0
45	1	0.3
50	43	14.5
60	21	7.1
70	2	0.7

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B. What was the most valuable aspect of your teacher education training program?

	Frequency	Percent
	22	
Student teaching	225	79.2
Education courses	15	5.3
Methods courses	11	3.9
Core courses	1	0.4
Support	5	1.8
Meeting others	8	2.8
Misc.	19	6.7

C. What was the least valuable aspect of your teacher education training program?

	Frequency	Percent
	71	• • •
Education courses	88	37.4
Methods courses	53	22.6
Core courses	26	11.1
Outside courses	30	12.8
Lack of support	3	1.3
Practicum	. 5	2.1
Poor teaching	6	2.6
Misc.	24	10.2

Q.16 With regard to your education and training as an undergraduate, how satisfied as a whole were you with the following?

A. ABILITY/KNOWLE F	DGE OF MOS Frequency			.IFE Frequency	Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat.	5 118 148 12 23	39.2 49.2 4.0 7.6	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	6 71 95 100 27 7	23.7 31.7 33.3 9.0 2.3
C. DEVELOPMENT OF	MY WORK S Frequency		D. MY INTELLECTU	IAL GROWTH Frequency	Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	6 83 156 22 32 7	27.7 52.0 7.3 10.7 2.3	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	5 120 146 11 19 5	39.9 48.5 3.7 6.3 1.7

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E. GUIDANCE BY	FACULTY Frequency			LING Frequency	Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat Very dissat.	5 61 98 43 • 73 26	20.3 32.6 14.3 24.3 8.6	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	86 75	28.7
G. JOB PLACEMEN	T Frequency	Percent	H. STUDENT LOAN		Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat Very dissat.	11 51 76 98 . 48 22	17.3 25.8 33.2 16.3 7.5	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	9 56 80 120 29 12	18.9 26.9 40.4 9.8 4.0
I. FINANCIAL SU	PPORT FROM Frequency			UIPMENT, E Frequency	
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat Very dissat.	10 55 60 130 . 32 19	18.6 20.3 43.9 10.8 6.4	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat.	6 76 164 27 33	25.3 54.7 9.0 11.0
K. LIBRARY RESO			L. CULTURAL ACTI	VITIES	
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat: Very dissat.	4 146 112 11 27 6	48.3 37.1 3.6 8.9 2.0	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	4 91 123 59 25 4	30.1 40.7 19.5 8.3 1.3
M. INTELLECTUAL	LIFE OF SC Frequency		N. CORE TEACHING	Frequency	Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat.	62	19.3 45.8 20.6 14.3	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	44	16.4 41.9 14.8 21.1 5.7

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O. METHODS COURSE F	S requency	Percent	P. PRACTICUM COU	JRSES Frequency	Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	8 59 102 33 77 27	19.8 34.2 11.1 25.8 9.1	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	12 123 95 41 . 27 8	41.8 32.3 13.9 9.2 2.7
Q. QUALITY OF INS F		Percent	R. RETURN ON FIN	ANCIAL INV	
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	7 66 181 26 24 2	22.1 60.5 8.7 8.0 0.7	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	8 48 109	16.1 36.6 23.8 15.8 7.7
S. PRESTIGE OF TH F	E SCHOOL requency	Percent	T. SKILL IN COMF	PUTER TECHNO Frequency	
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	8 67 117 82 28 4	22.5 39.3 27.5 9.4 1.3	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	14 13 55 137 55 32	4.5 18.8 46.9 18.8 11.0
U. CURRENTNESS AN F	D INSTRUC requency		V. SPORTS/RECREA	TION FACIL Frequency	
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	42 29	14.0 9.7	 Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat. 	. 17	20.0 5.6

Q.17 How satisfied were you with the following aspects of student life at college?

A. ACADEMIC DEV	ELOPMENT Frequency	Percent	B. INTELLECT ATTI F	TUDES TWD requency	LEARNING Percent
Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat Very dissat.	24	31.0 55.7 8.0 5.0 0.3	Very satis. Somewhat satis. Neutral Somewhat dissat. Very dissat.	7 113 150 17 15 4	37.8 50.2 5.7 5.0 1.3

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C. PERSONAL DEVE	ELOPMENT Frequency	Percent	D. PERSONAL SKIL		Percent
	6			7	
Very satis.	130	43.3	Very satis.	111	37.1
Somewhat satis.		43.0	Somewhat satis.		47.8
Neutral	17	5.7	Neutral	15	5.0
Somewhat dissat,		6.7	Somewhat dissat.	-	9.4
Very dissat.	4	1.3	Very dissat.	2	0.7
E. ALTRUISM/HUM/	NISM		F. CULTURAL/AEST	HETIC AWAR	ENESS
· ·	Frequency	Percent	,	Frequency	
	6	• • • •		6	
Very satis.	93	31.0	Very satis.	76	25.3
Somewhat satis.	152	50.7	Somewhat satis.	120	40.0
Neutral	38	12.7	Neutral	75	25.0
Somewhat dissat.	. 16	5.3	Somewhat dissat.	27	9.0
Very dissat.	1	0.3	Very dissat.	2	0.7

Q.18 In your opinion, how important is it for a teacher at your grade level to be knowledgeable about each of the following: (Please circle one number on each line)

A. INTERNATIONAL CURRENT EVENTS Frequency Percent			B. NATIONAL CUR	RENT EVENTS Frequency	Percent
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	148 41 10	13.4	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	147 15	4.9
C. AMERICAN HISTOR	equency	Percent	D. SP. HISTORIC	AL EVENTS/MO Frequency	
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	156 31	51.3	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	129 56 19	42.3 18.4
E. SUBJECT MATTERS Fr	COURSES T		F. ORAL/WRITTEN	GRAMMAR/USA Frequency	
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	30 4	88.5 9.9 1.3 0.3	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	52	81.0 17.0 1.0 1.0

Q.18 Con't.

G. ECONOMICS

H. MATHEMATICS

	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	143	46.9	Somewhat imp.	1 164. 103 27 11	53.8 33.8 8.9 3.6
I. AMERICAN POL	ITICS Frequency	Percent	J. EDUCATION AS	FIELD OF KN Frequency	
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	1 51 157 64 29 4	16.7 51.5 21.0 9.5 1.3	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	4 157 111 21 7 6	52.0 36.8 7.0 2.3 2.0
K. TEACHING MET			L. CHILD/ADOLES		PMENT
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	1 255 44 4 2	83.6 14.4 1.3 0.7	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all	1 252 40 12 1	82.6 13.1 3.9 0.3
M. AMERICAN CUL	TURE Frequency	Percent	N. SCHOOL LAW	Frequency	Percent
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	5 105 160 29 6 1	34.9 53.2 9.6 2.0 0.3	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	3 136 135 26 4 2	44.9 44.6 8.6 1.3 0.7
O. SCHOOL ORGAN		GEMENT	P. HANDICAP MAIN	NSTREAMING Frequency	Percent
Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	3 140 140 18 2 3	46.2 46.2 5.9 0.7 1.0	Extremely imp. Somewhat imp. Not very imp. Not imp. at all Not sure	1 161 127 12 4 1	52.8 41.6 3.9 1.3 0.3

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Q.19 When you first started teaching, how well did you feel your course work prepared you for the following aspects of teaching?

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A. SUBJECT MATT	ER KNOWLEDGE Frequency		B. TEACHING MET	HODS Frequency	Percent
Excellent Adequate Inadequate Very inadequate Not sure Not addressed				4 54 158 69 18 1 2	17.9 52.3 22.8 6.0 0.3 0.7
C. CLASSROOM MA	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
E. RECOGNIZE ST	UDENT LEARNI Frequency	NG STYLES Percent		ENTER/STAY Frequency	IN TEACHING Percent
			Excellent Adequate Inadequate Very inadequate Not sure Not addressed ' H. WORK EFFECTI		
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
Excellent Adequate Inadequate Very inadequate Not sure Not addressed	6 61 162 59 12 5 1	20.3 54.0 19.7 4.0 1.7 0.3	Excellent Adequate Inadequate Very inadequate Not sure Not addressed	8 38 158 68 20 2 12	12.8 53.0 22.8 6.7 0.7 4.0

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I. UNDERSTAND SCHOOL LAW		J. UNDERSTAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE			
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	6			7	
Excellent	19	6.3	Excellent	14	4.7
Adequate	97	32.3	Adequate	74	24.7
Inadequate	122	40.7	Inadequate	125	41.8
Very inadequate	39	13.0	Very inadequate		14.7
Not sure	1	0.3	Notsure	6	2.0
Not addressed	22	7.3	Not addressed	36	12.0
K. USE INSTRUCT	IONAL MATER Frequency		L. DEAL WITH HA	NDICAPPED S Frequency	
	8		***************	4	
Excellent	47	15.8	Excellent	51	16.9
Adequate	126	42.3	Adequate	99	32.8
Inadequate	95	31.9	Inadequate	95	31.5
Very inadequate		6.4	Very inadequate	31	10.3
Not sure	2	0.7	Not sure	1	0.3
Not addressed	9	3.0	Not addressed	25	8.3
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Q.20 Below are listed some reforms that might be adopted to produce high quality teachers in the future. For each please indicate the degree to which you think each reform would help to produce high quality teachers.

A. UP ACCREDITA TEACHER TRAI		RDS FOR	B. UP ADMISSION STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency Percent
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Help a lot	150	50,5	Helpalot 125 41.7
Help a little	122	41.1	Helpalittle 126 42.0
Wouldn't help	13	4.4	<pre>/Wouldn't help 40 13.3</pre>
Not sure	12	4.0	Not sure 9 3.0
C. EMPHASIZE SU THAN TEACHIN		MORE	D. EMPHASIZE TEACHING SKILLS MORE THAN SUBJECT SKILLS
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency Percent
	 7	•	12
Help a lot	49	16.4	Helpalot 158 53.7
	114	38.1	Help a little 82 27.9
Wouldn't help	112	37.5	
Not sure	24	8.0	Not sure 22 7.5

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E. REQUIRE BAC MASTERS IN			TRAINING	RICT PART IN Frequency	
Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	3 55 68 135 45	18.2 22.4 44.6 14.9	Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	4 131 117 40 14	43.4 38.7 13.2 4.6
			H. REQUIRE PRO		
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	3 139 104 39 21	45.9 34.3 12.9 6.9	Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	7 30 76 150 43	10.0 25.4 50.2 14.4
	RS PERIODICAL AS Frequency	LY IN ·	J. IMPROVED FAC INTERACTION-	CULTY/STUDEN	Г
Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	4 27 114 136 25	8.9 37.7 45.0 8.3	Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	5 136 133 11 21	45.2 44.2 3.7 7.0
K. ADDITIONAL	CLASS TIME IN	SCHOOLS	L. ADDITIONAL L	OAN PROGRAMS	5 DURING
	Frequency			Frequency	Percent
Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	5 192 64 · 34 11	63.8 21.3 11.3 3.7	Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	6 96 102 40 62	32.0 34.0 13.3 20.7
M. SUBSIDIES FO		TUDENTS	N. REQUIRE EARL	IER CLASS E	PERIENCE
FOR COMMITME	ENT Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	3 129 110 29 35	42.6 36.3 9.6 11.6	Help a lot Help a little Wouldn't help Not sure	65	69.9 21.5 3.6 5.0

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O. REQUIRE MOR TEACHER TRA	E CLASS TIME	DURING	P. PERIODIC EVA COUNSELING E		REER
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	1	•		6	•
Help a lot	233	76.4	Help a lot	173	57.7
Help a little	55	18.0	Help a little	106	35.3
Wouldn't help Not sure	12	3.9	Wouldn't help Not sure	10	3.3
Not Sure	5	1.0	Not sure	11	3./
Q. REQUIRE TEA TO CERTIFY	CHER TRAINING QUALIFICATION		R. MORE PERSONA FACULTY/GRAD		[TH
	Frequency		···- · • • · · ·	Frequency	Percent
	6	•		8	•
Help a lot	134	44.7	Help a lot	110	36.9
Help a little	122	40.7	Help a little	126	42.3
Wouldn't help Not sure	16	5.3	Wouldn't help	28	9.4
Not sure	28	9.3	Not sure	34	11.4
S. MORE EMPHAS	IS ON ORAL SK	ILLS	T. MORE EMPHASI	S ON CLASSRO	DOM STYLE
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	8	•	,	8	•
Help a lot	107	35.9	Help a lot Help a little	151	50.7
Help a little	153	51.3	Help a little	119	39.9
Wouldn't help. Not sure	21	7.0	Wouldn't help	14	4.7
Not sure	17	5.7	Not sure	14	4.7
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Q.21 Below are listed some suggestions for improving relations between schools (K-12) and colleges/universities. Based on your overall experience at your school, and regardless of whether or not your school already has such a program, please indicate the effect that you think that each would have on education in general.

A. OPEN CERTAIN. STUDENTS	COURSES TO BRIGHT		B. OFFER ADVANCED COURSES		
•••••	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	2	•	_==============	1	• • • •
Strong pos eff	128	42.1	Strong pos eff	217	71.1
Somewhat pos eff	135	44.4	Somewhat pos eff	79	25.9
Somewhat neg eff		3.6	Somewhat neg eff	2	0.7
Strong neg eff	2	0.7	No effect	2	0.7
No effect	7	2.3	Not sure	5	1.6
Not sure	21	6.9			

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IN INTERNSHIP F	requency	Percent	IN-SERVICE	Frequency	Percent
	3	•		1	•
Strong pos eff	72	23.8	Strong pos eff	190	62.3
Somewhat pos eff	130	42.9	Somewhat pos eff	104	34.1
Somewhat neg eff	21	6.9	Somewhat neg eff	4	1.3
Strong neg eff	7	2.3	No effect	1	0.3
No effect	10	3.3	Not sure	6	2.0
Not sure	63	20.8	Strong pos eff Somewhat pos eff Somewhat neg eff No effect Not sure		
E. OFFER MINICOUR	SES		F. HAVE A FORMAL	ARRANGEMEI	ΝТ
F	requency	Percent		Frequency	

Strong pos eff Somewhat pos eff Somewhat neg eff No effect Not sure	1	<u>ເ</u> 2້ເ	Strong pos eff	4	53.3
Somewhat nos eff	100	32.8	Somewhat pos eff	110	
Somewhat neg eff	2	52.0	Somewhat neg eff	7	23
No effect	2	.0	Somewhat neg eff Strong neg eff No effect	, 1	03
Not sure	າດັ	3.3	No effect	1	0.3
	10	5.5	Not sure	22	7.3
G. ASSIGN FACULTY SEMESTER	TO SCHOO	LS FOR			
F	requency	Percent			
****************	4				
Strong pos eff	128	42.4			
Strong pos eff Somewhat pos eff Somewhat neg eff Strong neg eff No effect Not sure	96	31.8			
Somewhat neg eff	21	7.0			
Strong neg eff	4	1.3	,		
No effect	4	1.3			
Not sure	49	16 2			

Now, a few questions about your professional growth activities since you have been teaching.

Q.22 Below are listed several types of professional growth activities. Please indicate if you have participated in any of these.

A. SABBATICAL	LEAVE Frequency	Percent	B. OTHER EDUCATIO F	NAL TRAVEL	Percent
Neither	306	100	Neither Dur past 5 years Dur past year Dur both	236 15 42 13	77.1 4.9 13.7 4.2

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C. SYSTEM SPONS SCHOOL YEAR			D. SYSTEM SPO SUMMER
	Frequency	Percent	
Neither Dur past 5 year Dur past year Dur both	27 rs 16 187 76	8.8 5.2 61.1 24.8	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year Dur both
E. WORK ON CURR	ICULUM COMMI	TTEE	F. WORK ON SF THAN CURRI
	Frequency	Percent	
Dur past 5 year	's 20	6.5 43.1	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year Dur both
G. UNIVERSITY E	XTENSION COU	RSES	H. COLLEGE CO DURING SCH
	Frequency	Percent	
Dur past 5 year	's 26	8.5 27.1	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year Dur both
I. COLLEGE COUR FIELDS			DURING SUM
	Frequency	Percent	
Neither Dur past 5 year Dur past year Dur both	206 s 43 51 6	67.3 14.1 16.7 2.0	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year Dur both
K. COLLEGE COUR DURING SUMME	SES IN OTHER R Frequency		L. PROFESSION SPONSORED
Neither Dur past 5 year Dur past year Dur both	261 s 24 16 5	85.3 7.8 5.2 1.6	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year Dur both
M. EDUCATIONAL	TV Frequency	Percent	N. EXCHANGE TE
Neither Dur past 5 year Dur past year Dur both	227 s 8 57 14	74.2 2.6 18.6 4.6	Neither Dur past 5 ye Dur past year

ONSORED WORKSHOPS DURING Frequency Percent -----222 72.5 19 6.2 ears 16.7 51 r 14 4.6

PECIAL ASSIGNMENT OTHER ICULUM Frequency Percent

Neither Dur past 5 years	129 42. 18 5.	
	139 45. 20 6.	•

Η.	COLLEGE	COURSE	S IN	EDUCAT	ION
	DURING S	SCHOOL	VACAT	ION	
		F	reque	ncy	Percent

Neither	160	52.3
Dur past 5 years	34	11.1
Dur past year	91	29.7
Dur both	21	6.9

OURSES IN EDUCATION MMER

Fr	requency	Percent
Neither	223 ·	72.9
Dur past 5 years	41	13.4
Dur past year	35	11.4
Dur both	7	2.3

NAL GROWTH ACTIVITIES BY PROFESSIONAL ASSOC. Frequency Percent ---------------59.2 6.9 181 -----21

vur	past	5 years	21	0.9
Dur	past	year	88	28.8
Dur	both	-	16	5.2

EACHING

	Frequency	Percent
Neither	290	94.8
Dur past 5 years	5 2	0.7
Dur past year	14	4.6

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Moderate

Low

O. INTERNATIONAL		MEETINGS Percent	P. RECERTIFICATIO F	N COURSES requency	Percent
Neither Dur past 5 years	300 3	98.0 1.0	Neither Dur past 5 years	95 41	31.0 13.4
Dur past year	3	1.0	Dur past year Dur both	127 43	41.5

Q.23 To what extent have recent professional development opportunities available to you in your school district helped you to improve your teaching skills?

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMEN		-
	Frequency	Percent
	5	
Helped very much	109	36.2
Helped but not very much	136	45.2
Not helpful	33	11.0
Haven't participated	23	7.6

Q.24 Which of the following phrases best characterizes your personal need for professional development opportunities in the following areas?

A. USE OF CO	MPUTER		B. HELP HAND CLASSROOM	ICAPPED IN REG	JLAR
	Frequency	Percent	CERSS ROOM	Frequency	Percent
	5	33 434 439 439 439 439 4 39 4 39		6	
High	133	44.2	High	71	23.7
Moderate	120	39.9	Moderate	131	43.7
Low	48	15.9	Low	98	32.7
C. HELPING G CLASSROOM	IFTED IN REGULA	AR	D. INFLUENCI POLICY	NG SCHOOL/DIST	RICT
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	5			5	• • • • •
High	104	34.6	High	73	24.3
Moderate	125	41.5	Moderate	139	46.2
Low	72	23.9	Low	89	29.6
E. MOTIVATIN	G STUDENTS		F. TECHNIQUE INSTRUCTI	S TO INDIVIDUA OIN	LIZE
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	2	••••••		2	••••••
High	167	54.9	High	161	53.0
A		20 0	Madawaha	00	22.2

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32.2

14.8

32.6

12.5

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G. USE OF TEAC	HING AIDS Frequency	Percent	H. TEACHING RE	ADING SKILLS Frequency	
High Moderate Low	2 98 127 76	32.6 42.2 25.2	High Moderate Low	6 108 85 107	36.0 28.3 35.7
I. TEACHING WR	ITING SKILLS		J. IMPLICATION RESEARCH	S OF EFFECTIV	E SCHOOLS
	Frequency	Percent	RESEARCH	Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	5 114 96 91	37.9 31.9 30.2	High Moderate Low	5 47 143 111	15.6 47.5 36.9
K. TEACHING MA	TH SKILLS Frequency	Percent	L. CLASSROOM D	ISCIPLINE Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	6 84 102 114	28.0 34.0 38.0	High Moderate Low	2 108 117 79	
M. MODIFYING I TO SUIT CLAS			N. STUDENT LEA	RNING STYLES Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	8 70 130 98	23.5 43.6 32.9	 High Moderate Low	2 114 125 65	
O. PARENT RELA	TIONS SKILLS Frequency	Percent	P. EFFECTIVE H	OMEWORK Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	3 102 131 70	33.7 43.2 23.1	High Moderate Low	6 63 110 127	21.0 36.7 42.3
Q. MANAGEMENT	OF INSTITUTIO Frequency	NAL TIME Percent	R. TEST INTERP	RETATION Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	5 64 124 113	21.3 41.2 37.5	High Moderate Low	9 60 117 120	20.2 39.4 40.4

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S. STANDARD RE	LATIONS SKIL		T. GRADING/PRO	MOTIONS Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	5 71 129 101	23.6 42.9 33.6	High Moderate Low	5 49 134 118	16.3 44.5 39.2
U. TEST CONSTR	RUCTION Frequency	Percent	V. TEACHING ME	THODS Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	7 43 122 134	14.4 40.8 44.8	High Moderate Low	6 95 140 65	31.7 46.7 21.7
W. CONTENT IN AREA	SUBJECT AREA Frequency		X. PROFESSIONA IN AREA	L TIME TO ST Frequency	
High Moderate Low	3 102 109 92	33.7 36.0 30.4	High Moderate Low	91 24	62.0 30.0 7.9
LESSONS	Frequency		Z. INFORMATION INNOVATIVE	GRANTS PROGRA Frequency	AMS
High Moderate Low	3 192 81 30	63.4 26.7 9.9	High Moderate Low	4 103 137 62	
AA. MANAGEMENT	SKILLS Frequency	Percent	'BB. RETRAINING	IN NEW SUBJE Frequency	
High Moderate Low	4 72 155 75	23.8 51.3 24.8	High Moderate Low	5 73 136 92	24.3 45.2 30.6
CC. COMMUNITY	RELATIONS Frequency	Percent	DD. GUIDANCE C	OUNSELING Frequency	Percent
High Moderate Low	5 49 162 90	16.3 53.8 29.9	• High Moderate Low	5 62 139 100	20.6 46.2 33.2

Now, one overall question

Q .20	problem with public schools in the community in which you teach.					
	A. LACK OF PAR		T/SUPPORT Percent	B. LACK OF P	ROPER FINANCIAL Frequency	
	Major Moderate Minor No problem	115 60	36.6 38.0 19.8 5.6		7 113 108 64 14	37.8 36.1 21.4 4.7
	C. PUPIL LACK		FOR SCHOOL Percent	D. TRUANCY R	ATE Frequency	Percent
	Major Moderate Minor No problem	70	28.7 42.9 23.1 5.3	Minor	9 35 71 128 63	11.8 23.9 43.1 21.2
	E. LACK OF DIS		Percent	F. PROBLEMS	WITH ADMINISTRA Frequency	
	Major Moderate Minor No problem		19.1 29.4 39.5 12.0	Major Moderate Minor No problem		14.9 26.2 38.7 20.2
	G. POOR CURRIC		Percent	H. SUBSTANCE	ABUSE BY STUDE Frequency	
	Major Moderate Minor No problem	6 25 56 132 87	8.3 18.7 44.0 29.0	['] Major Moderate Minor No problem	8 37 79 129 53	12.4 26.5 43.3 17.8
	I. LOW TEACHER	SALARIES Frequency	Percent	J. DIFFICULT	Y GETTING GOOD Frequency	TEACHERS Percent
	Major Moderate Minor No problem	3 129 107 57 10	42.6 35.3 18.8 3.5	Major Moderate Minor No problem	5 66 88 107 40	21.9 29.2 35.5 13.3

Q.25 Please indicate the degree to which you think each of the following is a problem with public schools in the community in which you teach.

Q.25 Con't.

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K. LARGE SCHOO	LS/OVERCROWD Frequency		L. TEACHER LACK OF INTEREST Frequency Percent
Major Moderate Minor No problem	6 85 67 88 60	28.3 22.3 29.3 20.0	6 . Major 18 6.0 Moderate 79 26.3 Minor 133 44.3 No problem 70 23.3
M. LACK OF RES	PECT FOR TEAC Frequency		N. LACK OF RESPECT-STUDENT TO STUDENT Frequency Percent
Major Moderate Minor No problem	4 71 88 107 36	23.5 29.1 35.4 11.9	5 Major 63 20.9 Moderate 103 34.2 Minor 117 38.9 No problem 18 6.0
0. SINGLE-PARE	NT HOUSEHOLDS Frequency		P. LACK OF PUBLIC SUPPORT Frequency Percent
Major Moderate Minor No problem		35.5 41.9 19.6 3.0	8 Major 78 26.2 Moderate 107 35.9 Minor 91 30.5 No problem 22 7.4
Q. COMMUNICATI TO ADMINIST			R. GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE/ REGULATIONS Frequency Percent、
Major Moderate Minor No problem	5 61	20.3 27.2 38.5 14.0	14 Major 9 3.1 Moderate 75 25.7 Minor 137 46.9 No problem 71 24.3
S. LACK OF PRO			T. PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency Percent
Major Moderate Minor No problem	8 108 72 86 32	36.2 24.2 28.9 10.7	6 . Major 52 17.3 Moderate 102 34.0 Minor 110 36.7 No problem 36 12.0

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U. MISMANAGEME	NT OF FUNDS/	PROGRAMS	V. SUBSTANCE A	BUSE BY FACUL	TY
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	11			7	•
Major	21	7.1	Major	1	0.3
Moderate	48	16.3	Moderate	6	2.0
Minor	119	40.3	Minor	82	27.4
No problem	107	36.3	No problem	210	70.2
W. SUBSTANCE A	BUSE BY ADMI	NISTRATION	X. FAMILY DISF	UNCTIONS/AFFE	ECTING
	Frequency	Percent	_	Frequency	Percent
	17	•		4	• • •
Major	1	0.3	Major	114	37.7
Moderate	5	1.7	Moderate	129	42.7
Minor	73	25.3	Minor	53	17.5
No problem	210	72.7	No problem	6	2.0
Y. POOR MORALE	IN SCHOOL BU	JILDING	Z. POOR TEACHE	R ATTITUDE	
	Frequency	Percent		Frequency	Percent
	4	•	***********	6	•
Major	34	11.3	Major	22	7.3
Moderate	80	26.5	Moderate	71	23.7
Minor	106	35.1	Minor	120	40.0

Finally, a few questions about yourself to relate to the other answers that you've given.

Q.26 How old are you?

	Frequency	Percent
Under 26 26 - 30 31+	3 92 98 113	30.4 32.3 37.3

Q.27 What is your sex?

	Frequency	Percent		
	3			
Male	71 232	23.4		
Female	232	76.6		

Q.28 .Which of the following income categories best describes the 1985 income you derived from teaching, before taxes? Was it:

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	Frequency	Percent
\$15 or less \$15 to \$20 \$20 to \$25 Not sure ·	3 228 72 2 1	75.2 23.8 0.7 0.3

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APPENDIX F

COMPARISON OF SURVEY RESPONSES TO NATIONAL RESPONSES

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A COMPARISON OF MAINE TEACHERS WITH NATIONAL TEACHERS ON SELECTED ATTITUDINAL DATA.

The following tables compare additudinal data from the Maine Teacher survey with national surveys. The national data is drawn from several studies having different sample sizes. The Maine sample is 305 in each of these comparisons. National sample sizes varies by questions in the following way:

Item	Sample Size					
15A	168					
16	4093					
18	1592					
19	168					
20	1846					
21	1846					
22	1093					
24	1346					
25	813					

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Q.15A Overall, how would you rate courses you've taken in education within the last 5 years on a scale of 1 to 7?

	<u>Excellent</u>				<u>Excellent</u>				A Waste	<u>of Time</u>	Means
	j.	2	3	4	5	6	7	•			
U.S. Maine	9.4 5.7	21.5 21.6	28.4 24.0	13.7 26.3	18.1 14.5	7.7 7.1	.8 .7	3.35 3.46			

TABLE 2

Q. 16 With regard to your education and training during the last year you were in school, how <u>satisfied</u> as a whole were you with the following?

	Very Satisfie	Very Satisfied			Very Dissatisfied		
	1	2	B	4	5		
	nowledge, and of most teach						
U.S. Me	38 39	46 40	5 4	9	1	1.85	

ь.	The Social Life	IABLE	2(CONTI	NUED)			
	U.S. Me	29 24	34 32	24 33	10 9	3 2	2.24 2.34
с,	Development of my work	skills					
	U.S. Me	29 28	50 52	10 7	10 11	1 2	2.13 2.08
d.	My intellectual growth						
	U.S. Me	40 40	50 49	5 4	5 6	1 2	1.80 1.81
Θ.	Guidance by faculty						
	U.S. Me.	NA 20	NA 33	NA 14	NA 24	NA 9	NA 2.79
f.	Career counseling						
	U.S. Me.	NA 12	NA 24	NA 29	NA 25	NA 10	NA 2,97
g.	Job placement			•			
	U.S. Me.		NA 26	NA 33	NA 16	NA 8	NA 2.95
h.	Counseling or job placement						
	U.S. Me.		23 1A	31 NA	22 NA	13 NA	3.03 NA
i .	The buildings, library,	equipmer	nt,etc.				
	U.S. Me.		IA ·	12 NA	7 NA	1 NA	1.91 NA
j.	Buildings, equipment, et	с.					
			IA 15	NA 9	NA 11	NA Ŏ	NA 2.06
k.	Library resources,etc.						
			IA 57	NA 4	NA 9	NA 2	NA 1.80

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TABLE 2 (Continued)

1 .	Cultural Activitities,	music,	art.dram,	a, etc.			
	U.S.	23	36	30	8 .	2	2.27
	Me	30	41	20	S	1	2.09
៣.	The intellectual life	of the	e scho o l				
	U.S.	24	44	22	8	2	2.20
	Me.	19	46	21	14	0	2.30
п.	Course Curriculum						
	U.S.	28	52	7	12	2	2.11
	Me.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
ο.	Methods Courses						
	U.S.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Me.	20	34	11	26	9	2.70
p,	Practicum Courses						
	U.S.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Me.	42	32	14	9	3	1.99
q.	The quality of instru	ction					
	U.S.	31	50	7	11	2	2.06
	Me.	22	61	9	8	1	2.05
۳.	Sports and recreationa	l faci	lities				
	U.S	28	33	30	చ	3	2.53
	Me.	29	35	29	ర	2	2.17
s.	Return on financial in	vestme	nt				
	U.S.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Me.	16	37	24	16	8	2.62
t.	The Prestige of the sch	nool					
	U.S.	28	40	24	7	1	2.13
	Me.	23	39	28	9	1	2.28

Q.19 When academ teachi	nic courses		ning, how well you for th			ts of
	Excellent	Very Adequate	Inadequate	Very Inadequate	Not Sure	Means
Subject mat	ter knowledg:	e				
U.S. Me.	31 28	51 59	14 10	4 2	1 1	1.96 1.92
Teaching me	thods					
U.S. Me.	22 18	50 52	23 23	5 6	1 1	2.16 2.21
Classroom m	anagement/di	scipline				
U.S. Me.	15 13	30 38	39 33	15 15	0 2	2.52 2.59
Organizing	instruction					
U.S. Me.	15 21	52 45	25 27	9	0 2	2.30 2.25
Recognizing	student lea	rning style	95			
U.S. Me.	11 13	41 41	37 34	9 8	2 4	2.45 2.43
Motivating	to enter/sta	y in teachi	ng			
U.S. Me.	9 · 12	43 40	31 30	9 9	7 8	2.41 2.69
Understandi	ng child/ado	lescent dev	elopment			
U.S. Me.	17 20	68 54	13 20	2 4	0 2	1.99 2.14
Working eff	ectively wit	h school or	ganizations			
U.S. Me.	9 13	46 53	41 23	5 7	0 5	2.48 2.27

TABLE 3

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TABLE 4

0.20 Below are listed some reforms that might be adopted to produce high quality teachers in the future. For each please tell me whether you think the reform would help a lot, help a little, or would not help at all to produce high quality teachers.

		Help a Lot	Help Little	Not Help at All	Not Sure	Means
	ding accreditat eacher trainnin					
	I.S. Ie.	72 51	25 41	3 4	1 4	1.31 1.62
	ding admission ents entering te					
	I.S. Ie.	65 42	29 42	4 13∙	0 3	1.41 1.65
	emphasis on sub ing skills duri					
	.S. e.	29 16	45 . 38	25 38	1 8	1.98 2.37
	emphasis on tea ct skills durin					
	.S. e.	50 54	36 28	12 11	1 8	1.62 1.72
degre	ring all teache e in an academi e in education					
	.S. e. 18	28 22	41 45	30 15	0 15	2.59 2.56
	ing local schoo ers more aggres			N		
	.S. e.	36 NA	47 NA	15 NA	1 NA	1.79 NA
	g the school di- eachers after t					
U		36	40	23	i	1.89

U.S.	36	4Q	14 A	1.	
Me.	44	39	13	5	1.79

TABLE 4(Continued)

Requiring new teachers to serve a supervised apprenticeship or internship before being certified

U.S.	62	30	8	0	1.46
Me.	46	34	13	7	1.81

TABLE 5

0.21 Based on your overall experience at your school, and regardless of whether or not your school already has such a program, please tell me whether you think each suggestion would have a positive effect, a somewhat positive effect, a somewhat negative effect, or a strongly negative effect on education in general.

	Strongly Positive	Somewhat Positive	Somewhat Negative	Strongly Negative	Means
Colleges opening to particularly H students					
U.S. Me.	58 42	38 44	2 4	1 1.	1.44 1.46
Colleges offering to teachers in th					
U.S. Me.	66 71	32 26	1 1	0 1	1.33 1.28
Colleges placing undergraduates in in the public sch	n <mark>int</mark> ernships				
U.S. Me.	32 24	52 43	13 7	4 2	1.87 1.39
Colleges sponsori teachers in-servi		or			
U.S. Me.	53 62	43 34	3 1	2 0	1.52 1.33

TABLE 6

Q.22 Below are listed several types of professional activities. Please indicate if you have participated in any of these during the past year.

ι	Percent J.S.Teacher	Rank Order	Percent Me.Teacher	Rank Order
System sponsored workshops during the school year	62.3	1	61.1	1
Other Committee work	24.6	5	45.4	2
Work on cirrulum committee	20.2	6	43.1	3
Recertification courses	NA	NA	41.5	4
College course in education during the school year	28.9	2	29.7	5
Professional growth activities sponsored by professional associations	26.3	4	28.8	6
University extension courses	15.8	8	27. t	7
Educational TV	8.8	1i.5	18.6	8
System sponsored workshops during the summer	14.9	9	16.7	9.5
College courses in subject fields other than education during the school year	13.2 `	11.5	16.7	9.5
Other educational travel	7.0	13	13.7	11
College courses in Education during the school year	NA	NA	11.4	12
College courses in other fields	NA	NA	5.2	13
Exchange teaching	NA	NA	4.6	14
International education meetings		15	1.0	15
Sabbatical leave, Full-time college	e 1.8	14	0.0	16

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 Ω . 24 Which of the following phrases best describes your <u>personal</u> need for professional development opportunities in the following areas? (1986 data for U.S. teachers 31 years of age and under)

				No	
line of Constant	High	Moderate	Low	Response	Means
Use of Computer					
U.S.	52%	34%	14%	2%	1.63
Me.	4.4	40	1.6	•	1.72
Help handicapped i classroom	n regular				
U.S.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Me.	24	44	33	 M	2.21
Helping the slow l	earners				
U.S.	27	52	22	•	1.97
Me.	24	44	33	•	2.11
Helping gifted in classroom	regular				
U.S.	25	51	24	· 1·	1.99
Me .	35	42	24	п	1.91
Influencing school	policy				
U.S.	20	51	28	1	2.06
Me.	24	4.6	30	٩	2.06
Motivating student	5				
U.S.	22	55	23	1	2.01
Me.	55 .	33	13	•	1.58
	TAB	E Z(CONTINUE	<u>D)</u>	·	
Techniques to indi ize instruction	vidual-				
U.S.	21	55	24	. .	2.03
Me.	53	32	15		1.62
Use of teacher aid	E.				
U.S.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Me.		42	25	•	1.92

U.S.	18	31	50	1.0	2.30
Me.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Teaching Rea	ading skills				
U.S.	14	45	40		2.28
Me.	36	28	36	j.	2.00
Teaching Writ	ing skills				
U.S.	20	45	34	2	2.12
Me.	38	32	30		1.92
Implications School Re	of Effective search				
U.S.	12	53	31	3	2.11
Me.	16	48	37		2.23
Teaching Math	Skills				
U.S.	12	39	47	2	2.31
Me.	28	34	38		2.10
Classroom Dis	cipline			, ,	
U.S.	16	46	37	i	2.19
Me.	36	39	26	•	1.92
Modifying ins to suit cl	titutional metH ass size	rods .			
U.S.	11	57	31	1	2.18
Me.	24	44	33		2.11
Student Learn:	ing Styles				
U.S.	10	62	28	•	2.18
Me.	38	41	21		1.83

TABLE Z(CONTINUED)

Parent Relations Skills

Use of teaching aide

U.S.	ιĢ	1	-2 -2	* . *** 2
		<u></u>	/ الـ.	2.36
Me.	34	43	22	1.89
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U.S.	9	45	46		2.37
Me.	21	37	42		2.21
Management of	Institutional	Time			
U.S.	9	43	48	n	2.39
Me.	21	41	38	4	2.17
Test Interpre	tation				
U.S.	8	40	50	2	2.38
Me.	20	39	40		2.18
Student Relat:	ions Skills				
U.S.	5	39	56	1	2.51
Me.	24	42	34		2.10
Grading/Promot	tion				
U.S.	ः	39	57	1	2.52
Me.	1. ५	45	39		2.23
Test Construct	ti.on				
U.S.	8	41	51	1	2.43
Mæ.	14	41	45		2.31
Teaching Metho	ods				
U.S.	3	59	38		2.35
Me.	32	47	22		1.92
Content in sub)ject area in ⊭	which I teac	h		
U.S.	3	45	51	1	2.46
Me.	34	36	30		1.96

Effective Homework

TABLE 8

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Q. 25 What do you think are the biggest problems with which the public schools in this community must deal?

	Percent U.S.Teachers*		Percent Me.Teachers	Rank Order	
Low teacher salaries	5	7.5	43	1	
Lack of financial support	21	2	38	2	
Family disfunctions	NA	NA	38	N	

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TABLE 8 (Continued)

Parents' lack of interest	31	1	37	4
Lack of -proper facilities	2	20,5	36	5
One-parent Households	4	i 1	36	6
Pupils' lack of interest /truancy	20	з	29	7
Large schools/overcrowding	4.	11	28	8
Lack of public support	3	15	26	9
Lack of respect for teachers /students	4	11	25	10
Difficulty getting good teacher	s 4	11	22	11
Communications problems	ত	15	20	12
Lack of discipline	19	4	19	13
Parental involvement with schoo activities	1 2	20.5	17	14
Problems with administration	10	5	15	15
Use of drugs	5	7.5	12	16
Truancy rate	NA	NA	12	17
Morale in schools	NA	NA	11	18
Poor curriculum/poor standards	7	6	8	19
Poor teacher attitudes	NA	NA	7	20
Mismanagement of funds/programs	2	20.5	7	21
Teachers' Lack of interest	4	11	6	22
Government interference	3	15	3	23
Substance Abuse by Faculty	NA	NA	0.3	24
Substance Abuse by Admin	NA	NA	0.3	24
Moral standards	2	20.5	NA	NA
Drinking/alcoholism	2	20.5	NA	NA
Lack of needed teachers	2	20.5	NA	NA

TABLE 8 (Continued)

Crime/vandalism	1.	25	NA	NA
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*figures may add to more than 100% because of multiple responses

APPENDIX G

SUMMARY OF CAMPUS VISITS

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS WITH CURRENT TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE AND UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

1. Introduction

Members of the Special Commission visited the campuses at the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine prior to the public hearings held in Portland and Bangor on the evenings of December 1 and December 2, 1987. One of the main purposes of the two on-campus visits was to meet with current teacher education students and to hear their comments about current programs within the University of Maine System.

Commission members met in small groups with seven undergraduate teacher education students at USM and with nine students at Orono. The students were well spoken and delightfully opinionated about their educational program and career choice. They appeared to represent a cross section of students in each program. The discussions were focused on the following topics.

2. What factors influenced you (positively or negatively) to want to become a teacher?

The students cited a variety of positive influences; the most frequently stated were family members who were teachers, the desire to work with children and experiences with their own teachers. Two students mentioned negative experiences with teachers as influencing them to enter teaching - they felt compelled to become teachers to balance deficits observed in their own teachers. Among the commonly cited negative influences were classmates and friends, family members who were not teachers, and teachers themselves. Each of these individuals/groups apparently felt that teaching was not a worthy occupation for the students in question. Guidance counselors were not generally recalled as having a positive influence. In some cases, their influence was negative.

3. What has been the most important aspect of your teacher education program?

Almost without exception, the students interviewed believed that their field-based experiences were the most valuable part of their education. Those experiences were said to be invaluable because they opened students' eyes as to what teaching is like on a day to day basis and provided the setting to show how classroom theory works in practice. Another valuable aspect frequently cited was mainstreaming classes or other courses designed to help teachers deal with exceptional children and family dysfunctions in the regular classroom. There seemed to be a widespread belief by these students that all teachers need a background in special education.

4. What aspect of your teacher education program could be improved?

The students responded to this topic with a variety of comments. Although not directly stated by any one student, the common criticism may be summed up as lack of coordination. Instances were mentioned of lack of coordination within the teacher education programs. For example, (1) there is duplication between some education courses, (2) methods courses and field based courses do not always reinforce each other and (3) courses are not always available in the most appropriate sequence. Other instances were mentioned where coordination may be lacking, between the College of Education and other colleges or departments. In some cases this results in severe scheduling problems; in other cases a fifth year was viewed as necessary to satisfy both the Teacher Education and Liberal Arts requirements for a degree.

5. What role have teacher salaries played in your decision to become a teacher?

No student cited salary as a positive recruiting factor for teaching; most did not cite it as a negative factor initially. When the question of teacher salaries was raised for discussion an interesting phenomenon occurred. Each student initially made a statement to the effect that salaries were not their principal reason for entering teaching and that other intrinsic rewards would compensate for low salaries. However, as each student thought through and continued to discuss the compensation issue, it became evident that low salaries were, in fact, an issue. At the very least, these students believe that it is unfair that they potentially will not be paid what they are worth, particularly when their prospective salaries are compared to salaries for comparable professions. A number of students believe that when they leave school for the "real world", the issue of equitable salaries will become more and more important. In fact, they expressed the possibility of considering another profession upon graduation or at some point leaving teaching for a higher paying job.

APPENDIX H

IMPLEMENTATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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Reco	ommendation	<u> Action Required - Responsible Agency</u>	FY 88-89 Appropriation
#1	Regional Centers	Legislative appropriation Administrative action - UMS	\$200,000
# 2	Innovative Grants	Legislative appropriation Administrative action - UMS	\$100,000
# 3	University College of Education	Administrative action - UMS/Legislature	No
\$4	Teacher Education program Content	Administrative action - UMS	No
<i>#</i> f5	Field Based Experience	Administrative action - UMS	No
<i></i> #6	Rules re Field Experience	Administrative action - State Board of Education	No
# 7	Special Education	Administrative action - UMS	\$ 50,000
#8	Other Specific Courses	Administrative action - UMS	No
# 9	Support Services	Administrative action - UMS	No
#10	Teaching as a Career	Administrative action - UMS	No
#11	NCATE Accreditation	Administrative action - UMS	No
#12	Teaching Out of Field	Administrative action - SBE	No
#13	S & D Research	Administrative action - UMS / DECS	\$ 5,000
<i>#</i> 14	Classroom Coping Skills	Administrative action - SBE / School Administrative Units	No
#15	In-service	Administrative action - DECS / SAU's	No
<i>#</i> 16	Expand BHS Program	Legislation	\$810,000
#1 7	Summer Training Grants	Legislation	\$100,000
<i>#</i> 18	Training in Family Dysfunctions	Administrative action - SBE / SAU's	No
#19	Review of Teacher Salaries	Legislation	\$ 15,000
<i>#</i> 20	Study Offset Compression of Salaries	Legislation	No, covered by #19

<u>Reco</u>	mmendation	Method of Implementation/Agency	FY 88-89 Appropriation
#21	Raise Teacher Salaries	Legislation	No
# 22	Professionalization Issues	Administrative action - MTA / MFT	No
# 23	Recognize Importance of Teacher Education	Administrative action - Governor	No
#24	High School Students as Tutors	Administrative action - DECS	No
<i>#</i> 25	Encourage Teaching as Career through Guidance	Administrative action - Maine Assoc. of Counselling and Guidance	No
<i>#</i> 26	Teacher Preparation Time	Administrative action - Ed. Comm.	No
#2 7	Teacher Sabatticals	Legislative appropriation	\$220,000
#28	Reimburse Cooperating Teachers	Administrative action - UMS	\$250,000
# 29	University-Public School Link	Administrative action - UMS / DECS	No
<i>‡</i> /30	Teacher Education-Liberal Arts Coordination	Administrative action - UMS	No
<i>#</i> 31	Education Research Center	Legislative appropriation Administative action - UMS	\$250,000
<i>‡</i> 32	Education Research Comm.	Administrative action UMS, Legislature & DECS	No
#33	Data Gathering Study	Administrative action - DECS	No
		TOTAL	\$2,000,000

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APPENDIX I NOTATION OF RESERVATION OR DISSENT

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Recommendation 3: Carol Wishcamper abstains from the vote in support of this recommendation. Diane Todd dissents.

Recommendation 20: Carol Wishcamper dissents from the vote in support of this recommendation.