

Policy & FAQ

Undergraduate GPA Non-Matriculated Status at Relay

Admissions 2017 (for students applying to a 2017-18 Relay MAT and/or Teacher Certification program)

Policy Headlines

1. Applicants who do not meet Relay’s undergraduate GPA minimum are not eligible to be a matriculated student at Relay. They may instead be eligible for non-matriculated (i.e., non-matric) status.
2. **When a student is non-matric, there are significant academic, financial, and certification implications (outlined below). Most notably, non-matrics are not earning credit, not working towards a degree, not eligible for certification, not eligible for federal financial aid, and not eligible for in-school deferment.**
3. **Before they can matriculate, non-matric students must:**
 - a. **submit proof to Relay of completing all certification requirements (e.g., pass exams and workshops) if they are joining a Relay program leading to certification; and**
 - b. **end the fall or spring term in good academic standing.**
4. Given those implications, applicants should very carefully consider whether or not the non-matric option is right for them. It is strongly recommended that applicants consult the schools where they will be teaching and/or their sponsoring organization about this decision.

Policy FAQ

Question	Answer
<p>1. Who does the Non-Matric (GPA) policy apply to?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicants whose undergraduate GPA is below a 2.75 are not eligible to matriculate at Relay.* ● Applicants whose undergraduate GPA is at least a 2.5, but below a 2.75, may be eligible for non-matric status.
<p>2. What are the implications of being a non-matric?</p>	<p><i>Below are the academic, certification, and financial implications of being non-matric at Relay. Read the next section for how those implications change should a student matriculate.</i></p> <p>Academic Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student takes coursework (e.g., attends class and completes online coursework and assignments). ● A student does not earn credit. ● A student is not working towards a degree (for those joining a degree track). <p>Certification Implications (for those joining a program leading to certification)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student is not eligible to be recommended for certification and cannot obtain certification. ● The student must complete all certification requirements (e.g., pass exams and workshops) before they can matriculate. <p>Financial Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student is not eligible for federal financial aid (i.e., Title IV federal loans and TEACH grants). ● A student is not eligible to receive in-school deferment for pre-existing student loans. ● A student must be prepared to pay tuition and fees out of pocket, as well as make payments on any pre-existing student loans. ● A student will not receive a 1098-T.

*Some Relay campuses have different GPA admissions criteria due to state regulations. Applicants should visit the admissions page for their program on www.relay.edu/programs for those details. Individuals who enter as non-matric and are a part of the New York City Teaching Fellows (NYCTF) program have the opportunity to matriculate at the end of their first summer term (August 28, 2017). They must fulfill all requirements for Trans B certification as well as be in good academic standing before matriculating.



<p>3. What happens after a non-matric student matriculates?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A student earns all credit for coursework completed for their program prior to matriculation. ● A student is now working towards a degree (for those joining a degree track). ● A student may be eligible for certification upon satisfying state and Relay requirements (for those joining a program leading to certification). ● A student becomes eligible to apply for Title IV federal financial aid (for those in a Relay program and campus eligible for financial aid).
<p>4. How does a Non-Matric (GPA) student matriculate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finish the first fall or spring term in good academic standing (as defined in Relay Program Guide), according to their Dean’s Office end of term progress report; AND ● Provide official proof to Relay, through processes shared by their Dean’s Office, that they satisfied all state certification requirements for their program (e.g., pass all exams and workshops). This requirement applies only to those in programs requiring certification.
<p>5. When can a Non-Matric (GPA) student matriculate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students must end the academic term in good academic standing to matriculate. Those joining a Relay program leading to certification must submit proof to Relay of completing all certification requirements (e.g., pass exams and workshops) before they can matriculate. ● Students have the opportunity to matriculate on two separate occasions during their first year at Relay. ● The first opportunity is at the end of the first fall term (January 16, 2018). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If students do not meet the end of fall academic and certification matriculation standards, students may continue to the spring term as non-matric. However, if students’ end-of-term academic performance is at or below the bar for dismissal, students will be dismissed and will not have earned credit for any coursework. ● The second opportunity is at the end of the spring term (June 11, 2018). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If students do not meet the end of spring academic and certification matriculation standards, students will be dismissed from Relay. Students will not have earned credit for any coursework. ● Students do not have the opportunity to matriculate between terms.
<p>6. How does an applicant apply to be a Non-Matric (GPA)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the same admissions application and process as matriculated students here. ● Ensure the official transcript demonstrating proof of a bachelor’s degree reflects at least a 2.5 undergraduate GPA and submit that with the online application. ● Upload a second recommendation on the online application by the application deadline. ● Make a plan in collaboration with the applicant’s PK-12 school of employment. ● Sign and date the bottom of this document and upload it onto the admissions portal.
<p>7. Are applicants whose undergraduate GPA is below a 2.5 eligible to be a Non-Matric (GPA)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unfortunately, applicants whose undergraduate GPA is below a 2.5 are ineligible for enrollment in a Relay MAT or teacher certification track.

To be completed by applicant and uploaded by applicant onto the Relay admissions portal:

I have fully read this policy and understand its terms, contents, meaning, and impact. I sign this voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance and a willingness to be bound by its terms.

Applicant’s Full Name	
Applicant’s Signature (electronic signature accepted)	
Today’s Date	