

FAQS: ELSE TEACHERS OF TOMORROW



What is ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow is a local, on campus professional organization for undergraduate UCA teacher education candidates in Elementary or Special Education programs. **Membership is a departmental requirement** for undergraduate majors in Elementary or Special Education.

Who is eligible to join ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

Any undergraduate UCA teacher candidate who has declared Elementary or Special Education as a major,

When should I join ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

It is a requirement to join ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow to be admitted to the program, but candidates are encouraged to join any time after declaring Elementary or Special Education as a major.

How do I remain in good standing in ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

To remain in good standing, you must 1) attend at least one monthly meeting per semester (though you're encouraged to attend all three); 2) participate in at least one special event (ie, service project, conference, fundraiser, etc.) per semester; and 3) pay your local annual dues of \$20.

What is the Document of Good Standing Status Form?

The Document of Good Standing Status form is completed by the Faculty Advisor and/or Membership Chair toward the end of each semester. Candidates who have not met minimum requirements will be notified via email and must schedule an appointment with the faculty advisor to discuss deficiencies.

How are local annual dues prorated for me if I join late in the semester or in the spring?

If you join in the fall **AFTER** October 15, the membership fee will be prorated at \$15. Members will need to renew and pay the full annual fee the following academic year (\$20). If you join in the fall **PRIOR TO** October 15, the membership fee will be \$20 for the current academic year.

If you join in the spring **AFTER** March 15, the membership fee will be waived for the current academic year. You will need to renew and pay the full annual fee the following academic year (\$20).

If you join in the spring **PRIOR TO** March 15, the membership fee will be for half an academic year (\$10). You will need to renew and pay the full annual fee the following academic year (\$20).

What can I expect from my membership in ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

Teachers of Tomorrow offers opportunities for service, professional development, and leadership. It is an authentic way to contribute to the community as it relates to meeting needs of children and their families alongside faculty and colleagues that can't be accomplished in the college classroom. We create lasting memories with the many events throughout the year.

Monthly meetings usually involve easy to implement teaching ideas for your future classroom. Meetings include a variety of guest speakers who speak to the group about relevant topics to teacher candidates (ie, preparing a job resume, current trends in education, etc.)

Our organization participates in at least one service project per year, and at least one professional development conference per year. We hold a student-led conference each spring. Fundraisers and other special events are created as interest and opportunities arise.

What leadership opportunities are available for me as a member of ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

We will elect officers each spring for the following academic year: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Historian. These officers, along with the Past President (unless the Past President holds a new office or has graduated) will form the executive governing board, along with the faculty sponsors. While all members will have many opportunities to grow and develop professionally, being an active member of the governing board is especially valuable to you as a growing professional (not to mention a strong addition to your resume!)

What is the ELSE TOT Recognition Program? How does it work?

Candidates who exceed minimum requirements are recognized each semester and receive awards based upon the level of achievement in the organization: Platinum, Gold, or Silver. See the Recognition Program flyer for detailed information regarding awards for the current semester.

How do I get more information about ELSE Teachers of Tomorrow?

Contact the faculty advisors, Dr. Rene' Crow rcrow@uca.edu, or Ms. DeeDee Cain deedeec@uca.edu, or visit the ELSE Webpage.