1. **What is a TEACH Grant?**
   - The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program is a new grant program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.

2. **Who is eligible for a TEACH Grant?**
   - Qualified graduate students are those students who are:
     a) **Fully admitted** to the UCF College of Graduate Studies;
     b) Enrolled in a College of Education high-need education major**;
     c) Agree to teach full time in a low income school in the high-need field for a **minimum of four years** after completing the Masters degree.

3. **What are the “high-needs” majors/fields of study?**
   - Exceptional Education (M.A., M.Ed.)
   - K-8 Middle School Math/Science (M.Ed.)
   - Math Education (M.A.T – Initial Certification)
   - Reading Education (M.Ed.)
   - Science Education (M.A.T. - Initial Certification)
   - Teacher Leadership M.Ed. - Mathematics Education Track
   - Teacher Leadership M.Ed. - Science Education Track

4. **How much will I receive in TEACH Grant funding?**
   - Those students pursuing a masters degree in teaching are eligible for **up to $4,000 per academic year** in grants to a maximum of $8,000 for masters programs.
   - *Note – grant amounts each semester are determined based on the number of credits for which a student is enrolled. Use the following as examples of funding possibilities:
     a. students enrolled in **9 semester hours (considered full time)** receive up to **$2000** per semester;
     b. students enrolled in **4.5 to 8 semester hours** would receive up to **$1000** per semester;
     c. students enrolled in than **4 semester hours or less** would receive up to **$500** per semester
     d. *Note – Summer enrollment – 6 hours is considered full time; 3 hours is considered half-time.
   - The Office of Student Financial Assistance makes the final determination of grant funding.
   - Students must have met all requirements to receive funding (U. S. Department of Education as well as UCF requirements).
   - Students MUST complete the U.S. Department of Education Agreement to Serve (ATS) **BEFORE** funds are disbursed.
   - **A NEW USDOE ATS must be completed at the beginning of each academic year.**

5. **What is considered a Low-income school?**
   - According to the federal government, low-income schools are as follows:
     a. Elementary schools are considered low-income if they are labeled Title I.
     b. Secondary schools are considered low-income, as labeled by the district, if more than 30% of student enrollment qualifies for free and reduced lunch.

6. **What is the U. S. Department of Education Agreement to Serve (ATS)?**
   - The Agreement to Serve (ATS) specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, including the teaching service requirements which include the following:
     a. Individuals must serve as a full-time teacher for **at least four academic years within eight calendar years** after completing or withdrawing from the academic program for which he/she received the TEACH Grant.
b. Individuals must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school.
c. The teaching service must be in the high-need field in which the Masters was received.
d. Individuals must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you do not complete the required teaching service obligation, TEACH Grant funds received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that must be repaid with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

7. What is the College of Education Agreement to Serve (ATS) Addendum?
   - The College of Education ATS Addendum is required for all students who have been accepted into College of Education GRADUATE high need programs, and who intend to accept TEACH Grant funding.
   - Access to the College ATS Addendum is provided through the TEACH Grants website.
   - The Addendum is completed online.
   - This form will be provided for a limited amount of time according to university deadlines.
   - Students must check the TEACH Grant calendar for important dates and deadlines on the TEACH Grant website, accessible through the College of Education (www.education.ucf.edu).

8. What are my next steps if I am interested in TEACH Grants?
   - Those students who are interested should:
     a. Review the TEACH Grant calendar, general information PowerPoint,* and frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the TEACH Grants website.
     b. Apply to the UCF Graduate School (see www.ucf.edu for application deadlines).
     c. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov, Code: 003954
     d. Meet UCF College of Graduate Studies admissions requirements.
     e. Be admitted into a qualified graduate program in the College of Education in a high-need major.

9. What are my next steps if I have applied and/or have been admitted to the College of Graduate Studies?
   - Those students who have applied and/or have been admitted should:
     a. Check my.ucf.edu for application and/or admission status.
     b. After receipt of confirmation of admission, note your faculty advisor contact.
     c. Contact your faculty advisor for an appointment.
     d. Plan your program of study.
     e. COMPLETE the College of Education Addendum to the Agreement to Serve (ATS).
     f. Students must check the TEACH Grant calendar for important dates and deadlines on the TEACH Grant website.

10. How do I continue to receive TEACH Grant funding?
    - After students receive TEACH grant funding for their first semester, students must complete the Continuation Agreement each semester. The form will be available on the TEACH Grants website. This Continuation Agreement will indicate to the TEACH Grant coordinator that you wish to continue to receive TEACH Grant funding.

    Helpful Websites:
    - UCF College of Education: http://education.ucf.edu/
    - Academic Programs: http://education.ucf.edu/academics_programs.cfm
    - Graduate Studies: http://www.graduate.ucf.edu/
    - Graduate Catalog: http://www.graduate.ucf.edu/currentGradCatalog/
    - Office of Student Financial Assistance: http://finaid.ucf.edu/