



## Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Agriculture (9-12)

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### Career Preparation

Missouri State University's Education Program, the largest and only one of its kind in Missouri, provides experiences that prepare students to become effective teachers. A comprehensive field-based component is part of this exciting program. Teachers who have completed a Missouri State University (MSU) Education program are generally considered to be highly qualified, successful classroom teachers. High-need areas currently include: Special Education, Math, Science, and Foreign Language. Post-Baccalaureate students who have had significant experience either in the classroom or with children are often considered more qualified and are frequently hired before those without the experience.

### Academic Program

The Post-Baccalaureate (Post-Bac) Education programs require satisfactory completion of competencies outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). MSU offers several alternative routes to teacher certification which include: Post-Baccalaureate, Masters, and Provisional certification. All programs rely on coursework completed within an initial Bachelor's degree. Professional Education courses are sequenced to provide both study in the university setting and practical experience in classrooms.

### Courses

Students pursuing Post-Bac Teacher Certification at Missouri State need to submit original official transcripts from all universities, colleges, and institutions previously attended. Prior coursework will be evaluated and credit will be granted and applied for all equivalent certification requirements.

An Individualized Program of Study (IPS) will be provided to the student. The IPS is reviewed during an advising session. If a course was not initially determined to be equivalent, but may have provided the competencies required for certification, the student may submit a course description/syllabus for re-evaluation.

### Faculty and Staff Support

The Teacher Certification and several faculty offices are located in Hill Hall. Faculty members are actively involved in teaching, research, and service activities at the local, state, and national levels. While faculty may informally advise students, the Teacher Certification Advisement staff will provide the support and official advisement for all Post-Bac students pursuing teacher certification.

### Facilities

Missouri State University is fortunate to have Greenwood Laboratory School located on campus. Greenwood, a K-12 facility, provides students in the College of Education with first-hand experience in observing and working with students. The technology labs, located in Hill Hall, have the most recent innovations in instructional technology and are available for use by Education students.

### Special Services

The University and the College of Education are committed to the success of each student. Career Services, in cooperation with the College of Education, takes an active role in assisting Education students by providing information about teaching opportunities. Students are encouraged to meet with Career Services for job search assistance.

### For More Information

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**Special Requirements**

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	3 hours
		<b>6 hours</b>

**Professional Education**

Course #	Title	Credits
AGE 318	Introduction to Agricultural Education	2 hours
SEC 302	General Methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools	4 hours
PSY 360 or PSY710	Educational Psychology Psychology of Education	3 hours
SFR 486 or PSY 486	Management and Assessment in Middle and Secondary Classrooms	3 hours
SPE 340 or SPE 715	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students Foundations in Special Education	2-3 hours
RDG 474	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields	2 hours
EDC 350	School and Society	3 hours
AGE 558 or AGE658*	Teaching of Agriculture Teaching of Agriculture	3 hours
AGE 493	Supervised Teaching	5-6 hours
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		<b>32-36 hours</b>

**Middle School (9-12) Option**

MID421 or MID810	Philosophy and Organization of Middle School Curriculum The Middle School – The Jr. High School	2-3 hours
MID439 or MID725	Middle School Instructional Strategies Advanced Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Early Adolescents	3 hours
MID425	Middle School Curriculum	2 hours
RDG318	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3 hours
EEM305	Field Experiences Education	2 hours
		<b>12-13 hours</b>

**Content Area**

Course #	Title	Credits
<b><u>Animal Science</u></b>		
AGS 101	Animal Science	4 hours
<b><u>Agronomy</u></b>		
AGN 115 or AGP103	Sustainable Agriculture and the Environment Plant Science	3 hours
<b><u>Agriculture Economics</u></b>		
AGB 144	Agricultural Economics I	4 hours
<b><u>Agriculture Business</u></b>		
AGB 334	Marketing Agricultural Products	3 hours
<b><u>Agricultural Mechanics</u></b>		
AGB 337	Agricultural Mechanics Practices	3 hours
<b><u>Horticulture</u></b>		
AGP 303 or AGP333 or AGP443	Suburban Horticulture Landscape Design Greenhouse Management	3 hours
<b><u>Electives from the Above Content Areas</u></b>		
AGN 215	Soils	3 hours
AGN 143 or AGN335 or AGR383	Introductory Forestry Soil Conservation and Water Management Applied Entomology	3 hours
<b><u>Electives (14 Hours Needed)</u></b>		
Choose from Forestry, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Journalism, or Integrated Pest Management.		14 hours
<b><u>Professional Vocational Education Requirements</u></b>		
AGE 568 or AGE668*	Course and Program Building in Agricultural Education Course and Program Building in Agricultural Education	3 hours
AGE 578 or AGE678*	Methods of Teaching Agricultural Management Methods of Teaching Agricultural Management	2 hours
AGE 588 or AGE688*	Methods of Teaching Agricultural Laboratory Management Methods of Teaching Agricultural Laboratory Management	2 hours
		<b>47 hours</b>

**Praxis II Test #0700 required**

\*This certification can be completed in conjunction with a Master of Science in Natural and Applied Science. Contact the School of Agriculture at 417-836-5638 for more information.