



## Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Counseling – Initial Certification (7–12) with a Related Master’s Degree

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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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**Requirements for Initial Certification in School Counseling (7-12).** For students who have completed a related Master’s Program outside Missouri State, and wish to earn initial certification in School Counseling.

**Students must complete the following individual courses:**

COU701	Tests and Measurements	3 hours
COU702*	School Counseling Foundations/Ethics	3 hours
COU705*	Orientation to Personal/Professional Development	3 hours
COU707	Human Development and Personality	3 hours
COU710*	The Helping Relationship	2 hours
COU711*	The Helping Relationship (lab)	1 hour
COU714	Diversity and Multiculturalism Issues in Counseling	3 hours
COU724	Appraisal and Clinical Interviewing	3 hours
COU733	Couple and Family Counseling	3 hours
COU751*	Theories and Techniques for Counseling	3 hours
COU752	Career Development	3 hours
COU756	Group Counseling	3 hours
COU780*	Secondary School Counseling Practicum	3 hours
COU781	Secondary School Counseling Field Experience	3 hours

**Total 42 hours**

\*Before being eligible for a Provisional Teaching Certificate, students must have completed the following courses: COU701, COU702, COU705, COU710/711, COU751, and COU780

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Bachelor’s Degree in Education from a State-Approved Teacher Preparation Program OR coursework in teaching methods and practices, classroom management, psychology of the exceptional child, and an additional practicum to reach 300 clock hours.

OR

SEC302	Introduction to Elementary Education and Clinical/Field Experience	4 hours
PSY535 or PSY508/614 or SPE616	Discipline and Social Behavior in the Classroom Behavior Management and Change Foundations of Applied Behavior Analysis and Interventions for Teachers in Applied Setting	3 hours
SPE340 or SPE715	Introduction to Special Education Foundations in Special Education	2-3 hours
COU781	Secondary School Counseling Field Experience	3 hours

**Total 12-13 hours**

**Requirements to add Counseling (K-8) to Certification in Counseling (7-12).** A valid certificate in School Counseling (7-12) is required to add K-8 Certification through the completion of this coursework. This section is optional.

COU708	Child Counseling Theories and Techniques	3 hours
COU753	Analysis of Childhood Learning and Adjustment	3 hours
COU782	Elementary School Counseling Practicum	3 hours
COU783	Elementary School Counseling Field Experience	3 hours

**Total 12 hours**

**Requirements to add School Psychological Examiner Certification to Certification in Counseling (K-8) or (7-12).**

A valid certificate in School Counseling (K-8) or (7-12) is required to add School Psychological Examiner Certification through the completion of this coursework. This section is optional.

COU753	Analysis Childhood Learning and Adjustment	3 hours
SPE715	Foundations in Special Education	3 hours
PSY703	Human Growth and Development	3 hours
PSY710	Psychology of Education	3 hours
PSY745 or PSY629 or PSY627	Statistics and Research Design Psychological Tests and Measurements Advanced Psychological Statistical Methods	3 hours
PSY720	Individual Intelligence Testing	3 hours
COU786	School Psychological Examiner Practicum	3 hours

**Total 21 hours**

**Provisional Teaching Certificates**

Before being eligible for a Provisional Teaching Certificate, students must have completed the following courses: COU701, COU702, COU705, COU710/711, COU752, and COU780.