



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Driver Education

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Career Preparation

Missouri State University's Elementary Education program, the largest and only one of its kind in Missouri, provides experiences that prepare students to become effective elementary teachers in grades 1-6. A comprehensive eight-week field-based component is part of this exciting program that includes more than 125 hours of teaching experience prior to student teaching. Current trends indicate employment opportunities for Elementary Education graduates have remained stable. Beginning salaries for program completers range from \$30,000 – \$36,000 depending on the geographic area.

Academic Program

The Elementary Education Post Baccalaureate program requires satisfactory completion of a minimum 60 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. This program relies on the general education coursework completed with the initial bachelor's degree to provide basic content knowledge in subject-matter areas related to the elementary school curricula. Professional Education courses are sequenced to provide both study in the university setting and practical experience in elementary classrooms.

Courses

Students pursuing Post-Baccalaureate teacher certification at Missouri State must submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Prior coursework will be evaluated, and all equivalent coursework will be applied toward current certification requirements.

Once the transcript analysis has been completed, students are encouraged to submit course descriptions for courses that were not initially determined equivalent but may have provided the competencies required for certification. Students seeking Post-Baccalaureate certification are provided with an "Individualized Program of Study".

Faculty and Staff Support

The 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 provides informal advisement to the students, support and advisement for all post baccalaureate students is provided by the Teacher Certification Office staff.

Facilities

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

Special Opportunities and Services

A student pursuing Elementary Education certification has the opportunity to become involved in a variety of student organizations. Among the organizations available to education majors are the Student Missouri State Teachers Association, the Student National Education Association, and Kappa Delta Pi, the honorary organization for Education majors. These organizations provide students with opportunities for professional growth and the opportunity to meet students and professionals with similar interests.

Because the University and the College of Education are committed to the student's success beyond the classroom, Career Services, in cooperation with the College of Education, takes an active role in helping students secure teaching positions after they are certified. Students are encouraged to meet with Career Services for job search assistance. Reports have shown that Career Services has placed more than 90 percent of recent Elementary Education students into teaching positions.

For More Information

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Driver's Education can only be completed as an ADDED certificate. You must earn certification in another area before adding Driver's Education certification.

Content Area Coursework

Course #	Title	Credits
PED 370	Introduction to Safety Education	3 hours
PED 371	Driver Task Analysis	3 hours
PED 372	Developing Vehicle Operation Skills and Competencies	3 hours
PED 373	Developing Classroom Knowledge	3 hours

Total 12 hours