



## Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Health Education (Grades K-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

Teacher Certification Office  
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[www.missouristate.edu/certification](http://www.missouristate.edu/certification)

Health Education can only be completed as an ADDED certificate. You must earn certification in another area (Physical Education K-12 recommended) before adding Health certification.

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b><u>Anatomy-Choose One:</u></b>		
BMS307	Human Anatomy	3-4 hours
or		
PED250	Applied Human Anatomy	
<b><u>Physiology-Choose One:</u></b>		
BMS308	Human Physiology	3-4 hours
or		
PED252	Applied Physiology	
<b><u>Nutrition-Choose One:</u></b>		
BMS240	Introduction to Nutrition	3 hours
or		
BMS130	Essentials of Nutrition	
<b><u>Drug Education</u></b>		
SWK330	Substance Abuse Interventions	3 hours
<b><u>Personal Health</u></b>		
PED257	Personal Health	2 hours
<b><u>Mental Health</u></b>		
PSY101	Psychology for Personal Growth	3 hours
<b><u>Family Life/Sex Education</u></b>		
CFD163	Relationships in Today's Families	3 hours
<b><u>Safety and First Aid</u></b>		
PED253	First Aid	2 hours
<b><u>Community Health</u></b>		
PED256	Community Health	2 hours

**Total 24-26 hours**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b><u>Methods in Health</u></b>		
PED358	Health Education Methods	3 hours

**Additional Health-Related Prerequisite Courses Required to Enroll in Health Courses:**

PSY121	Introduction to Psychology	3 hours
CHM105	Fundamentals of Chemistry	5 hours
BIO102	Principles of Biological Science	4 hours
or		
BMS105	Concepts and Laboratory in the Life Sciences	

**Electives in Health**

12 hours required by DESE which may include extra hours from above courses; one hour may be counted here, if a 3 hour course was taken for a 2 hour requirement. (3-5 hours needed in this area)

**Above coursework or Praxis II Test #0550 required for an added certification in Health**