



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Journalism (9-12)

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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Required Coursework: Journalism (9-12) ADDED CERTIFICATION ONLY

Secondary Education Journalism can only be completed as an ADDED certificate. You must earn certification in another area before adding Journalism certification.

Content Area Coursework

JRN270	Introduction to Journalism	3 hours
JRN370	News Reporting and Writing	3 hours
JRN476	Newspaper Editing	3 hours
JRN407	Media Law	3 hours
JRN477	Publications	3 hours

Choose One: 3 hours

JRN405 Teaching of High School Journalism

*EDUC444 Teaching Methods

**Elective Coursework 15 hours

33 hours

*This course is offered through Drury University. Due to limited enrollment in this program at Missouri State, JRN 405 may not be offered. Students will then be required to complete EDUC 444 at Drury University to complete their program requirements.

**Please see an advisor in your content area to choose courses in: Photography, Graphics, Advertising, Broadcasting, History of Journalism, Mass Media and Society, News with Media Experience, and other related areas with prefixes of ART, COM, ENG, and JRN.