



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)

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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Springfield, MO 65897
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www.missouristate.edu/certification

Required Coursework: Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)

Special Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
COM115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
PSY121	Introductory Psychology	3 hours
CIS101	Computers for Learning	2 hours
or CSC101	Computers for Learning	
MTH130 *	Contemporary Mathematics	3 hours
	*can take any math course above MTH 130	
MTH320	Foundations of Mathematics for Teachers	3 hours
MTH343	Foundations of Probability and Statistics for Teachers	3 hours
		17 hours

Content Area Coursework (choose at least one)

Language Arts	21 hours
Mathematics	21-23 hours
Science	24 hours
Social Studies	28 hours

Added Middle School Areas

After choosing an initial area of Middle School, you can also add any of the following areas:

Business	24 hours
Agriculture	32 hours
Speech/Drama	27 hours

MSED – Elementary Option:

If you choose to complete all of the graduate level course options, you will be within 12 hours of completing a Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education.

Additional Courses Required for the MSED Degree:

If you would like to discuss applying select certification coursework toward a Master's degree, please contact the following faculty prior to the completion of 9 hours of 600-800 level courses:

MSED in Elementary with an Emphasis in Middle School:

Dr. Dale Range
417-836-6099
DaleRange@MissouriState.edu
Office: Hill Hall, Room 428

Professional Coursework

Course#	Title	Credits
EDC150	Introduction to Teaching	1 hour
SEC302	General Methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools	4 hours
IMT365 or IMT662	Instructional Application of Technology and Media Educational Applications of Computers for Teachers	3 hours
PSY360	Educational Psychology	3 hours
SPE340	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students	2 hours
EDC350	School and Society	3 hours
ENG338	Literature for Young Adults	3 hours
PED358	Health Education Methods	3 hours
MID421 or MID810	Philosophy and Organization of Middle School Curriculum The Middle School – The Junior 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
RDG474	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields	2 hours
Middle School Methods Course: (see Content Area)		
MID493	Supervised Teaching (Middle School)	6 hours
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Total Hours 46-47