



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

Teacher Certification Office
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Springfield, MO 65897
Office: 417-836-8772 Fax: 417-836-5008
email: teachercertification@missouristate.edu
www.missouristate.edu/certification

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

Special Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	3 hours
CIS 101	Computers for Learning	2 hours
or		
CSC 101	Computers for Learning	
*can take any math course above MTH 130		
MTH 130	Contemporary Mathematics	3 hours
MTH 320	Foundations of Mathematics for Teachers	3 hours
MTH 343	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 hrs.
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 Elementary:

Dr. Dale Range
417-836-6099
DaleRange@missouristate.edu
Office: Hill 428

Professional Coursework

Course#	Title	Credits
EDC 150	Introduction to Teaching	1 hour
SEC 302	General Methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools	4 hours
IMT 365	Instructional Application of Technology and Media	3 hours
or		
IMT 662	Educational Applications of Computers for Teachers	
PSY 360	Educational Psychology	3 hours
SPE 340	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students	2-3 hours
or		
SPE 715	Foundations in Special Education	
EDC 350	School and Society	3 hours
ENG 338	Literature for Young Adults	3 hours
PED 358	Health Education Methods	3 hours
MID 421	Philosophy and Organization of Middle School Curriculum	2-3 hours
or		
MID 810	The Middle School – The Junior High School	
MID 439	Middle School Instructional Strategies	3 hours
or		
MID 725	Advanced Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Early Adolescents	
MID 425	Middle School Curriculum	2 hours
RDG 318	Foundations of Reading Instruction	3 hours
or		
RDG 675	The Relationship of Language to Reading and Intellectual Dev.	
RDG 474	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields	2-3 hours
or		
RDG 710	Reading in the Content Fields	

Middle School Methods Course (see content area)

MID 493	Supervised Teaching (Middle School)	6 hours
MID 494	Supervised Teaching (Middle School)	6 hours

Total Hours 46-49