



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Special Education Alternative Certification Track (SEACT)

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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

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The SEACT programs allows students to earn Teacher Certification in Cross-Categorical Special Education (K-12) AND a Master's degree concurrently.

General Education Coursework

All general education requirements are waived for SEACT students per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) rule for Alternative Certification Programs.

Professional Education Coursework

SPE715	Foundations in Special Education	3 hours
SPE613	Physical and Health Needs of Students with Disabilities	3 hours
SPE616 or PSY614	Foundations of Behavioral Analysis and Intervention in Applied Settings Behavior Management and Change	3 hours
SPE782	Advanced Assessment	3 hours
SPE792	Advanced Diagnosis and Remediation of Students with Disabilities Lab	2 hours
SPE780	Contemporary Issues in Special Education	3 hours
PSY703	Human Growth and Development	3 hours
SPE617	Effective Practices in Special Education	5 hours
SPE784	Advanced Procedures in Teaching Students with Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3 hours
SPE664	Language Development for Exceptional Students	3 hours
SPE789	Practicum: The Exceptional Child	3 hours

Total Certification: 34 hours

Praxis II test #0543 required

An additional 9 credit hours are required to complete the MSED program in consultation with your advisor.

Total: 43 hours