



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification School Psychological Examiner (K-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, counselors, administrators and school librarians. A comprehensive field-based component is part of these exciting programs. Candidates who have completed a Missouri State University (MSU) program are generally considered to be highly qualified, successful classroom teachers, counselors or administrators. High-need teaching 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. Advising for Counseling and Education Administration programs is provided by departmental faculty.

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: School Psychological Examiner (K-12)

Master's Degree in Counseling or Related Field Required for School Psychological Examiner Certification. This certification can only be added to an existing teaching or student services certificate.

Required Coursework

Course #	Title	Credits
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The following courses must be completed before the student is eligible for a Provisional Teaching Certificate.

COU701	Test and Measurements	3 hours
PSY720	Individual Intelligence Testing	3 hours
COU753	Analysis of Childhood Learning and Adjustment	3 hours
COU724	Appraisal and Clinical Interviewing	3 hours

The following requirements (in addition to the coursework above) must be completed before the student can be recommended for full certification as a School Psychological Examiner in Missouri:

Choose One:		2-3 hours
SPE340	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students	
SPE310	Introduction to Special Education	
SPE715	Foundations in Special Education	

Graduate level course work only may be applied to this section per DESE.

PSY703	Human Growth and Development	3 hours
PSY710	Psychology of Education	3 hours
PSY745	Statistics and Research Design	3 hours
or		
PSY629	Psychological Tests and Measurements	
or		
PSY627	Advanced Psychological Statistical Methods	
COU707	Human Development and Personality	3 hours
COU786	School Psychological Examiner Practicum	3 hours

Total 29-30 hours

