



## Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Speech and Theatre (9-12)

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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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**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		
		<b>Total 8 hours</b>

**Professional Coursework**

Course #	Title	Credits
EDC150	Introduction to Teaching	1 hour
SEC302	General methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools	4 hours
EDT365 or EDT662	Instructional Apps/Technology and Media Educational Applications of Computers for Teachers	3 hours
PSY360 or PSY710	Educational Psychology Psychology of Education	3 hours
SFR486 or PSY486	Management and Assessment in Middle and Secondary Classrooms	3 hours
SPE340	Educational Alternatives for Exceptional Students	2 hours
RDG474	Reading and Writing in the Content Fields	2 hours
EDC350	School and Society	3 hours
COM417 or THE417	Teaching of Speech and Theatre	3 hours
COM490 or THE490	Supervised Teaching	6 hours
COM491 or THE491	Supervised Teaching	6 hours
		<b>36 hours</b>

**Middle School (5-9) Option**

MID421 or MID810	Philosophy and Organization of Middle School Curriculum Middle School – The Jr. 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
EEM305	Field Experiences in Education	2 hours

**Total 12-13 hours**

**Content Area Coursework**

Course #	Title	Credits
<b><u>Speech (17 hours)</u></b>		
COM115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 hours
MED120	Mass Media and Society	3 hours
COM322	Introduction to Argumentation	3 hours
COM532	Teaching Debate	3 hours
COM534	Teaching Individual Events	3 hours
COM536	Directing Forensics	2 hours
<b><u>Theatre (18 hours)</u></b>		
THE123	Acting Fundamentals	3 hours
THE130	Introduction to Script Analysis	3 hours
THE150	Introduction to Theatre Technology	2 hours
THE151	Introduction to Theatre Technology Lab	1 hour
THE310	Performing Literature	3 hours
THE430	Directing I	3 hours
THE530	Directing II	3 hours

**Choose one option below:**

**Speech Option (6 hours)**

COM350	The Rhetorical Tradition and Contemporary Applications	3 hours
COM205	Interpersonal Communication Theory Skills	3 hours

**Theatre Option (6 hours)**

THE125	Voice and Movement for the Stage	2 hours
THE224	Stage Make-up I	1 hour
THE250	Stagecraft and Construction I	2 hours
THE251	Stagecraft and Construction Lab	1 hour
THE255	Lighting Design I	2 hours
THE256	Lighting Lab I	1 hour
THE260	Costume Construction I	2 hours
THE261	Costume Construction Lab	1 hour
THE541	Theatre History I	3 hours
THE542	Theatre History II	3 hours
THE505	Theatre for Children and Youth	3 hours

**Choose one:**

THE506	Creative Dramatics	3 hours
THE515	Theatre for Social Change	3 hours

**Option in Speech – 41 hours  
Option in Theatre – 44 hours**

**Praxis II Test #0221 required**